



NAGAMBIE LAKES

**TAHBILK**

EST-1860



## 2012 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months on 60% new oak - 70% French/30% American
ACID:	6.5 g/l
pH:	3.47
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ AWARDS



### VINTAGE 2012

A mild autumn rolled into the cool of winter, although the lack of rain brought back memories of the dry winters of the drought years. Spring started cool and dry with warm weather and dewy mornings followed by a wet and humid December driven by tropical weather patterns from the north. January on the other hand was very dry and the vineyard managers were irrigating around the clock to keep the delicate feeder roots in the topsoil moist, which factored then into a very early start to the harvest. A few events of tropical weather tested our patience in February but as it dried out through March and April, and autumn continued to cool, the outlook was positive across all varietals. Fruit flavours in the whites were outstanding with excellent varietal expression, and the reds have deep, vibrant colour and intense primary fruit.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian region of Nagambie Lakes. Purchased by Reginald Purbrick in 1925, his son Eric took over management of Tahbilk in 1931. Heading the winemaking for over 40 vintages until handing over to his grandson Alister in 1978, Eric was one of the early pioneers of varietal labelling in Australia and continued to be a strong influence in the direction of the Estate until his passing in 1991. Perhaps his greatest contribution to Tahbilk was to create the 'Special Bin' Shiraz in 1948 which was to be made, and continues to be made, from the best vats of a particular vintage. In 1952 a 'Special Bin' Cabernet Sauvignon was added to the range with both releases becoming known as 'Reserve' in 1985. In recognition of his achievements, these 'best of a vintage' wines now carry his name and signature ... *Eric Stevens Purbrick*.

### TASTING NOTES

"With due deference to the Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz from the same year, this best of a vintage Estate Shiraz release brings with it seductive black pepper, licorice and dark plum/red berry fruits, a warm earthiness, floral violet notes, hints of cedar and spice all balanced with fine chewy tannins. An original Tahbilk label from the 1870's has been reproduced for this impressive wine that will deliver further character with suitable cellaring. Drink Now to 2025/2030"

*Alister Purbrick*

**Alister Purbrick** ~ Fourth Generation  
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