TAHBILK

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HALLIDAY 2016
WINERY
OF THE YEAR
WINE COMPANION AWARDS

2015 VIOGNIER

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Viognier
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.37
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

TOTAL VIOGNIER AWARDS	3 (T)	19 (G)	30 (S)	72 (B)

VINTAGE 2015

Winter started well with average rainfall for June and July and then essentially nothing for August. This rollercoaster rainfall pattern continued through spring and summer with some months above, some below – an unnerving time for our vineyard managers.

Despite these fluctuating environments, with warm, blustery conditions and then forecasts of showers and humidity the vineyards remained healthy and disease free.

Some welcome mid-January rain saw the vineyards looking vibrantly green with open canopies and evenly distributed bunches. The harvest itself came with a rush with one of the earliest starts ever, however, a mid-harvest lull in ripening allowed us to catch up. The reds came in at optimium ripeness with bright and concentrated flavours and the whites are intensely varietal in character.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian region of Nagambie Lakes. Originating in Condrieu in France's Northern Rhone Valley, Tahbilk's first plantings of Viognier were established in 1990.

The inaugural vintage was released in 1996 to early critical acclaim with the Estate nominated by *Australian Vignerons* magazine as producing one of the 'Benchmark Six' Australian releases. Recognition has also come on the Australian Wine Show circuit with to date 3 Trophies, 19 Gold, 30 Silver and 72 Bronze medals awarded.

Tahbilk Viognier releases are considered to be best appreciated as youthful and exuberant wines when their distinguishing floral and stone fruit characters are to the fore.

TASTING NOTES

"Tahbilk 2015 Viognier is characterised by aromas of ginger, rose petals and citrus blossom; the palate is softly textured with an apricot, stone-fruit intensity, honeysuckle notes and a long fragrant finish.

Drink Now to 2017/2019"

Alister Purbrick, CEO and Winemaker