



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK



2016 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in new and second fill French oak.
ACID:	6.9 g/l
pH:	3.40
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v



VINTAGE 2016

Vintage 2016 started dry with only two thirds of the average rainfall for winter recorded, followed by half the usual for September and budburst and then none measurable at all in October. The vineyard managers were watering two weeks before budburst and through to January when a massive thunderstorm dumped 86 mm of rain in just two hours with some parts of the Old Tahbilk vineyards also hit by hail storm damage.

Fortunately cool windy days followed with no mould or other diseases evident.

The harvest itself was 'compressed' with many of the red blocks going through veraison at the same time as the whites, leading to the same amount of grapes being taken in but in a shorter period of time. Despite the early and quick vintage, the flavours were good with crisp and delicate whites and most reds picked at optimum ripeness showing juicy and bright fruit. Overall a good to very good vintage in terms of quality and quantity.

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.

As original as the Estate itself, these un-grafted, pre-phylloxera Shiraz plantings are amongst the oldest in the world and were nominated by renowned USA *Wine & Spirits* magazine as one of the 25 Great Vineyards of the World. The vineyards selected were those where the *terroir*... the total environment of a place, including soil, climate, aspect, vine and even history "is most clearly perceptible in the wine." Listed as Outstanding in *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VII* as being among "The best of Australian wine making practices, vineyard provenance and regional voice."

Since the inaugural 1979 vintage Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz releases have become most sought after and collectable, cementing their place as being an authentic piece of liquid history.

TASTING NOTE

"Estate reds from the 2016 vintage are noted for their quite sublime elegance, no more so reflected than with our '1860 Vines' Shiraz from that year. A fragrant nose of bright red berries mingles with spice, tea leaf and truffle aromas that then flow to a velvety palate of dark cherry and plum fruits alongside warm earth and black olive characters with savoury/cedary notes from time in French oak. Tannins are finessed and supportive with further complexity to be realised if cellared out to 2036+. Fittingly we have replicated an original 1870s label for this elegant and sophisticated release."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker