



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK



2017 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	6.7 g/l
pH:	3.45
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ AWARDS

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VINTAGE 2017

After many years of dry winters we received average to above average rains through the 2016 winter and spring. The grapevines responded, growing vivid green canopies and setting good crop levels. A temperamental spring saw up and down temperatures and there were many 'Four seasons in a day' events, and warmish rainy days. The latter caused anxiety for our vineyard managers, with the potential for mildew to develop. However good management and diligent monitoring allowed us to keep the vineyard disease free.

Summer seemed transient but we did have three balmy weeks through March with ripening continuing at a steady pace. The fine, albeit slightly cooler, weather lingered on in April and harvest continued steadily with very few issues but thankful that the weather did hold. Vintage 2017 will be remembered as having a traditional late start with the very even and steady ripening resulting in distinct varietal flavours with bright fruit and elegant, fine structures.

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 NOTE

"'Best of a vintage' is a mantle that this 2017 'Eric Stevens Purbrick' Shiraz wears very easily. A symphony of deliciously ripe dark plum and red berry fruits is joined by a background chorus of black pepper, exotic spices and liquorice notes. Well integrated French oak and earthy tannins give supporting structure to a wine of style and distinction, presented under a replica 1870s Tahbilk label. Further complexity will develop out to 2030/2034."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker