



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK

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## 2012 '1927 VINES' MARSANNE

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Marsanne
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.05
ALCOHOL:	11.0% v/v

2011 '1927 VINES' MARSANNE AWARDS

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### VINTAGE 2012

A mild autumn rolled into the cool of winter, although the lack of rain bought 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 varieties. 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, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is blessed with significant older vineyard plantings. These limited release wines are produced from the Estate's 1927 planted Marsanne vines – some of the oldest in the world. The fruit is harvested early at high natural acid levels, no chemicals are added and the juice becomes fully oxidised. The clean juice is then fermented at 11° to 15°C with the resultant wine 'water' white, with high acid and flavourless. The wine is bottled and then the magic happens. "It evolves into a wonderful, textural, mineral wine ... it's a classic ugly duckling to beautiful swan story." **Alister Purbrick ~ Winemaker & 4th Generation.** "The beauty of making the wine this way is that it develops in the bottle very slowly and has long term cellaring potential."

### TASTING NOTE

"Balance, concentration and vibrant varietal integrity are the cornerstones of this '1927 Vines' release. Penetrating lime and citrus notes with hints of ginger engage initially on the nose, the palate equally engrossing with further unsweetened citrus juice and honeysuckle characters framed by an energetic and refreshing mineral acidity. Heightened complexity will be realised with further and extended cellaring. Enjoy now to 2044+"

**Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation CEO and Winemaker**

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