

# TAHBILK

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NAGAMBIE LAKES

## TAHBILK 'COUESLANT' 2011 SPARKLING MARSANNE

Geographical Region:	Nagambie Lakes
Grape Variety:	Marsanne
Maturation:	Stainless Steel then bottle aged on yeast lees
Acid:	6.4 g/l
Sugar:	10.0 g/l
pH:	2.94
Alcohol:	12.5% v/v

### TASTING NOTES:

Established in 1860, and purchased by my family in 1925, the Tahbilk story is rich with individuals who have had an influence on its telling.

There are a those whose impact on the Estate, through their particular contribution, has been of greater significance; and one is Francois Coueslant.

Winemaker and manager from 1877 to 1886, he was described in the 'Australasian' at the time as "a practical vigneron from France, but a gentleman of progressive ideas, ever ready to adopt new and improved methods of working."

It was his adoption of progressive ideas that led to what has been described as Tahbilk's early 'Golden Age'. Coueslant is credited with adding 'Chateau' to Tahbilk – a moniker that held until the year 2000, was responsible for the construction of our iconic Tower and led the fight against the vine louse phylloxera when it appeared on the Estate in 1870 - accountable at the time for decimating, amongst others, the vineyards of France and colonial Victoria.

It seemed entirely appropriate then that we recognise what has been an enduring influence at Tahbilk with his naming of this prestige sparkling release.

After blending and fining the base wine was bottled, crown sealed and then cellared for 10 months on yeast lees prior to being disgorged, corked and labelled.

Unmistakably Marsanne, the bouquet is lemons, limes and pears with honeysuckle notes and some background yeasty complexity that follow to a similarly flavoured palate supported by a crisp minerality on a lingering finish.

**Alister Purbrick**, CEO and Chief Winemaker - 4th Generation



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