

NAGAMBIE LAKES

**TAHBILK**  
EST-1860



## 2013 'OLD VINES' CABERNET SHIRAZ

Wine Region: Nagambie Lakes

Fruit Source: Tahbilk Estate

Grape Variety: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon & 40% Shiraz

Maturation: A mix of new and old premium French and American Oak for 18 months

Acid: 6.3 g/l

pH: 3.39

Alcohol: 14.3% v/v

### VINTAGE 2013

Good early winter rains in 2012 followed the autumn break but it quickly turned dry, with total winter and spring rainfalls finishing well below average. Vineyard managers were irrigating before budburst with the heat continuing through January with Australia's hottest day record broken three days in a row, and bushfires in the eastern States. Harvest began on February 8th, the earliest date since records have been kept, with the continuing warm days (perfect for ripening at around 32 degrees) and warm nights meant all varieties ripened steadily putting pressure on to bring in the fruit at optimum ripeness. Some late rain in February kept the lid on ripening and meant that most of the whites were picked before the reds started in earnest. Overall the wines look remarkably good with crisp flavours in the whites and good fruit concentration in the reds.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860 and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk Estate is blessed with significant older vineyard plantings with Shiraz dating back to 1860 and 1933, and Cabernet Sauvignon to 1949. The quintessentially Australian blending of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz saw initial releases at Tahbilk from the 1957 and 1958 vintages under Eric Purbrick's tutelage. 14 years later Eric's son, John Purbrick, resurrected the blend releasing wines from 1972, 1976 and 1977. Believed to be the first such 'Estate Grown' blends in Australia it now returns to Tahbilk's portfolio of premium Reds. Sourced from plantings with an average vine age of over 35 years, they are made to be wines of distinction and character that will set a new standard for such blends from the Estate.

### TASTING NOTES

Sourced from older vine Estate plantings, 60% Cabernet and 40% Shiraz was blended to deliver a richly flavoured, sinuous release of structure and intensity. Offering mulberry, plum and blackcurrant characters, with leafy spicy notes and concentrated ripe dark fruits supported by firm, grippy tannins, this wine will develop added complexity if cellared. In a final touch, details from an original 1870's Tahbilk Estate label were lifted and reproduced to showcase its release.

**Alister Purbrick** ~ Fourth Generation  
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