



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2013 '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:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.43
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ AWARDS



18



106



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, 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

"With a vintage as highly regarded as 2013 for Estate reds, then a 'best of' release sets a high water mark indeed.

There is a velvety richness to the plum, blackberry and mixed spice aromas and flavours of this 'Eric Stevens Purbrick' Shiraz release that are effortlessly in balance with earthy/cedary oak characters and seamless tannins delivering a wine of real distinction.

Additional complexity will be realised with further time in the bottle out to 2033/2038.

We have replicated an original Tahbilk label from the 1870's for our 'Eric Stevens Purbrick' releases."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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