



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK
EST-1860



2014 'OLD VINES' CABERNET SHIRAZ

Wine Region: Nagambie Lakes

Fruit Source: Tahbilk Estate

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 55% ~ Shiraz 45%

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

Acid: 6.8 g/l

pH: 3.47

Alcohol: 14.0% v/v



VINTAGE 2014

Similarly to vintage 2013, winter started well – good rain followed the autumn break, with rainfall back to average levels. Spring rainfalls started well but tapered off with vineyard managers irrigating at budburst and through to the end of vintage. The season looked particularly promising until a late severe frost in mid-October hit delicate young growth in many of our low-lying plains vineyards away from the water and native tree cover of the Tahbilk billabongs.

Spring was followed by another very hot, dry summer that resulted in an early start to the harvest with the last of the reds off by the end of March. Despite the hot, dry summer the whites have delicacy, crispness and definite varietal character. The reds show bright primary fruit, with good depth and concentration and distinct individual vineyard characters.

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, believed to be the first such 'Estate Grown' blends in Australia

It was not until 14 years later that Eric's son John resurrected the blend that saw four vintages released in the 1970s (including under a commemorative 1978 Australian bi-centennial label) and a further two in the 1980s.

Sourced from plantings with an average vine age of over 35 years, Cabernet Shiraz now returns as a permanent fixture of Tahbilk's premium Reds portfolio.

Made to be wines of distinction and character they set a new standard for such blends from the Estate.

TASTING NOTE

Fragrant and expressive with blackcurrant, eucalypt, cedar and chocolate notes, the palate is robust and generous with layers of dark and red berry fruits, some floral/violet hints and Chinese five spice flavours. The French and American oak used in its making is well integrated and the tannins velvety with a savoury edge.

A wine of much character that will develop further under appropriate cellaring conditions
Drink Now to 2031+”

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