



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK

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## 2017 VIOGNIER

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Viognier
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.2 g/l
pH:	3.31
ALCOHOL:	14.0% v/v

TOTAL VIOGNIER AWARDS



### VINTAGE 2017

After many years of dry winters we received average to above average rains through the 2016 winter and spring. The grapevines responded, growing vivid green canopies and setting good crop levels. A temperamental spring saw up and down temperatures and there were many 'Four seasons in a day' events, and warmish rainy days. The latter caused anxiety for our vineyard managers, with the potential for mildew to develop. However good management and diligent monitoring allowed us to keep the vineyard disease free.

Summer seemed transient but we did have three balmy weeks through March with ripening continuing at a steady pace. The fine, albeit slightly cooler, weather lingered on in April and harvest continued steadily with very few issues but thankful that the weather did hold.

Vintage 2017 will be remembered as having a traditional late start with the very even and steady ripening resulting in distinct varietal flavours with bright fruit and elegant, fine structures.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian region of Nagambie Lakes. Originating in Condrieu in France's Northern Rhone Valley, Tahbilk's first plantings of Viognier were established in 1990.

The inaugural vintage was released in 1996 to early critical acclaim with the Estate nominated by *Australian Vignerons* magazine as producing one of the 'Benchmark Six' Australian releases. Recognition has also come on the Australian Wine Show circuit with to date 4 Trophies, 22 Gold, 38 Silver and 76 Bronze medals awarded. Tahbilk Viognier releases are considered to be best appreciated as youthful and exuberant wines when their distinguishing floral and stone fruit characters are to the fore.

### TASTING NOTE

"We see a recognizable Tahbilk character with this 2017 Viognier release. Fragrant and fruit-forward, it immediately engages with aromas of citrus, rose petal and ginger spice.

The palate is distinctly apricot, quince and floral in character with a pronounced acid line on the finish.

A vivacious early drinking wine, enjoy now and out to 2019/2021."

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

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