

VINTAGE 2011

Winter and spring of 2010 saw a return to normal rainfall patterns after a run of dry years. Floods in September isolated parts of the vineyard and the many wet, warm days that followed provided challenges for disease control.

Picking started with the whites in early March, almost 3 weeks later than for the previous decade, and proceeded steadily with good flavour and acid balance being achieved. This trend continued with the reds with early developing flavours seeing us picking at lower sugar levels than usual. The mild and dry conditions through the harvest allowed us to pick all blocks in good condition and the results, particularly for the whites, exceeded expectations from what was the most challenging vintage thus far from the 2000s.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes.

One of the world's rarest grape varieties, with its origins in the Northern Rhone and Hermitage regions of France, Tahbilk's history with Marsanne can be traced back to the 1860's when White Hermitage cuttings were sourced from 'St Huberts' Vineyard in Victoria's Yarra Valley.

The grape in fact was Marsanne and although none of these original plantings have survived, the Estate has the world's largest single holding of the varietal and produces Marsanne from vines established in 1927, which are amongst the oldest in the world.

TASTING NOTE

"This 'Museum' Marsanne re-release is showing all the signs of the rich development that is still to come with honeyed, toasty notes staking their claim on a nose and palate of classic lemon, lime and citrus fruits with a bright mineral acidity that will support further cellaring.

Drink Now to 2020/2023"

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation CFO and Winemaker

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