



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2014 '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:	7.2 g/l
pH:	3.49
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ AWARDS



20



108



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, 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

"The heightened expectation of a 'best of a vintage' offering is handled with aplomb by this 2014 vintage release. Richly flavoured with wonderful mouth feel, exotic spices interplay with ripe dark and red berry fruits, alongside a subtle and warming earthy pepperiness. This is classically Estate Shiraz but delivered on a very high plane. The French oak is stylish and the tannins gentle but firm. Further time in the cellar will undoubtedly be rewarded. As for all such releases, this wine is presented under an original label replicated from the 1870s."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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