



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months in large and small predominantly French oak barrels
ACID:	6.7 g/l
pH:	3.50
ALCOHOL:	14.0% v/v

TAHBILK CABERNET SAUVIGNON AWARDS

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VINTAGE 2016

Vintage 2016 started dry with only two thirds of the average rainfall for winter recorded, followed by half the usual for September and budburst and then none measurable at all in October. The vineyard managers were watering two weeks before budburst and through to January when a massive thunderstorm dumped 86 mm of rain in just two hours with some parts of the Old Tahbilk vineyards also hit by hail storm damage. Fortunately cool windy days followed with no mould or other diseases evident. The harvest itself was 'compressed' with many of the red blocks going through veraison at the same time as the whites, leading to the same amount of grapes being taken in but in a shorter period of time. Despite the early and quick vintage, the flavours were good with crisp and delicate whites and most reds picked at optimum ripeness showing juicy and bright fruit. Overall a good to very good vintage in terms of quality and quantity.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes. Purchased by Reginald Purbrick in 1925, five generations of the Purbrick family have been actively involved with the Estate bringing a tradition of pride, hard work and a love of good wine to their unique heritage of being the oldest family owned winery and vineyard in Victoria. Tahbilk has some 28 hectares of Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, the oldest vines dating back to 1949. Crafted with a commitment to traditional wine making values, fermentation takes place in original open vats over 155 years old, with maturation then in similarly aged large French oak prior to bottling. Smaller predominantly French oak barrels are also used, with the wine from these blended back during the final filtering and bottling. Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon releases have shown consistently over time considerable richness and character and are considered by many experts to be the best Estate red for long-term cellarage.

TASTING NOTE

"The pathway to crafting this Estate release is traditional and well-worn and has delivered a richly flavoured wine presenting dark berry and spice fruits together with hints of bay leaf, olive and mint enveloped by fine, supportive tannins. Added complexity will be realised with cellarage to 2028/2032 plus."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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