



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2018 VIOGNIER

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Vioignier
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.3 g/l
pH:	3.41
ALCOHOL:	14.0% v/v

TOTAL VIOGNIER AWARDS



VINTAGE 2018

The 2018 growing season was dry and warm and perfect for growing premium wine grapes. The winter of 2017 started with a very dry June and below average rains in July and August. Spring continued the theme with less than half the average long term rainfall, and finished with an unseasonably warm November. The vines loved the favourable weather, growing large, healthy canopies and setting good bunch numbers – ideal for optimal yields. Vineyard operations focused on trimming to maintain a balanced canopy, and irrigation to ensure the vines had adequate water and nutrients. Vintage started early February and progressed very smoothly and although it remained warm, cooler nights kept a lid on sugar accumulation so that ripening progression was close to perfect. 2018 promises to be a very good year, the whites have clear varietal definition and crisp fruit flavours, and the reds are bright and varietal, with concentration and depth.

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 Vioignier 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, 23 Gold, 39 Silver and 85 Bronze medals awarded. Tahbilk Vioignier 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

"With maturity comes character and with initial plantings harking back to 1990, our Estate Vioignier releases are realising this. After initial rose petal and citrus blossom aromas you arrive at a well-structured palate of stone fruits, cinnamon and ginger spices with a delicious textural oiliness that is enlivened with an exuberant acidity. A wine to be thoroughly enjoyed in its youth. Enjoy now and out to 2020/2022."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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