



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2014 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	7.0 g/l
pH:	3.52
ALCOHOL:	13.0% v/v



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

As original as the Estate itself, these un-grafted, pre-phylloxera Shiraz plantings are amongst the oldest in the world and were nominated by renowned USA *Wine & Spirits* magazine as one of the 25 Great Vineyards of the World. The vineyards selected were those where the terroir – the total environment of a place, including soil, climate, aspect, vine and even history “is most clearly perceptible in the wine.”

Listed as Outstanding in *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VII* as being amongst ‘the best of Australian winemaking practices, vineyard provenance and regional voice’. Since the inaugural 1979 vintage Tahbilk ‘1860 Vines’ Shiraz releases have cemented their place as being an authentic piece of liquid history.

TASTING NOTE

“Multi-faceted and complex the sublime character of our ‘1860 Vines’ Shiraz release from the 2014 vintage demands time to truly savour. There is nothing straightforward here, threads of blackberry, spice, red berry and truffles twist and turn around a nose and palate of much finesse. New and older French oak barrels contribute their own subtle spice and support alongside a backbone of fine grained tannins. Take the time to enjoy now or allow additional complexity to develop in the cellar out to 2035+. Again we have looked to an original 1870s label to showcase this original Shiraz vines release.”

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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