



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK



2008 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months – 70% French oak 30% American oak
ACID:	7.1 g/l
pH:	3.36
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK'
CABERNET SAUVIGNON AWARDS



VINTAGE 2008

Across Australia 2008 is widely known as the vintage from hell due to the run of high day and night temperatures in mid-March. This put extreme pressure on wineries that could not ameliorate the conditions with irrigation as we were able to do with our proximity and access to the Goulburn River. Also Estate conditions were hot, but not relentlessly and stiflingly so. Prior to the heatwave the autumn weather was typically cool, which allowed slow development of the whites and resulted in picking them at up to 1 Baume lower than usual. We were also fortunate that we had the capacity to bring in the reds without delay as they were ready with the majority harvested within our preferred Baume range.

We were rewarded with white wines from 2008 showing crisp, vibrant fruit and some delicacy and reds with richness, depth and complexity.

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 first 'Eric Stevens Purbrick' Cabernet Sauvignon to be sealed under screw cap closure, this is a multifaceted and complex release offering blackcurrant, plum, beetroot, eucalyptus and cedar notes and so much more. Exceptional palate weight and length of finish, this imposing wine will develop further depth and character with careful cellaring."

Alister Purbrick

Alister Purbrick | 4th Generation | CEO and Winemaker

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"Still ageing gracefully, time in the Winery Cellars sees complex aromas of cedar, stewed plum, raspberry, truffle and vanilla notes coming to the fore on a medium-bodied palate of rhubarb, tobacco leaf and soy. Still fresh with lively acid, its journey is far from over."

Neil Larson

Neil Larson | Winemaker