

## TAHBILK 2009 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

Geographical Region:	Nagambie Lakes
Fruit Source:	Estate Grown
Grape Variety:	Shiraz
Maturation:	18 months in French Oak
Acid:	6.6 g/l
pH:	3.31
Alcohol:	12.5% v/v

## **TASTING NOTES:**

Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz is produced from a half hectare of un-grafted, pre-phylloxera original vines — some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world. Since its inaugural release in 1979 this piece of liquid history has become one of the worlds' most sought after wine collectables.

After careful handpicking, fermentation takes place in 150 year old open oak vats followed by maturation in French oak for 18 months, and then further bottle ageing before release. Fittingly an original 1875 label has been adapted for these unique wines.

"Bright crimson in colour, the nose and the palate of this remarkable release present an intricate mix of rich berry fruits, vanilla and spice characters, ripe black cherry and hints of dried herds. Beautifully integrated oak and fine grained tannins add further complexity. An elegant wine of substantial length that will develop further with careful cellaring."

Alister Purbrick, CEO and Chief Winemaker



## **ACCOLADES**

Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz are listed as Excellent in Langton's Classification of Australian Wine (the noted guide to Australia's wine auction market), being a 'high performing wine of exquisite quality.' U.S Wine & Spirits magazine nominated the Tahbilk '1860 Vines' plantings as one of the 25 Great Vineyards of the World. The vineyards selected were those where the terroir - the French term that roughly translates to the total environment of a place, including soil, climate, aspect, vine and even history "is most clearly perceptible in the wine."

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