

## VINTAGE 2013

Good early winter rains in 2012 followed the autumn break but it quickly turned dry, with total winter and spring rainfalls finishing well below average. Vineyard managers were irrigating before budburst with the heat continuing through January with Australia's hottest day record broken three days in a row, and bushfires in the eastern States. Harvest began on February 8th, the earliest date since records have been kept, with the continuing warm days (perfect for ripening at around 32 degrees) and warm nights meant all varieties ripened steadily putting pressure on to bring in the fruit at optimum ripeness. Some late rain in February kept the lid on ripening and meant that most of the whites were picked before the reds started in earnest. Overall the wines look remarkably good with crisp flavours in the whites and good fruit concentration in the reds.

## **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 Cabernet Sauvignon planted on the Estate with the oldest vines dating back to 1949. Made utilising traditional Tahbilk techniques; fermentation takes place in 150 year old open vats, before maturation in predominantely French oak for 18 months prior to bottling. Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon releases have consistently shown considerable richness and character over time and are considered by many experts to be the best Estate red for long-term cellerage.

## TASTING NOTES

"Notes of mint and five-spice are evident on a sturdily constructed palate of black olive, herbs and dark fruits alongside fine, ripe tannins that will support the development of additional character and complexity if cellared.

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**Alister Purbrick** ~ Fourth Generation CEO and Winemaker

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