



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK



2016 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	6.8 g/l
pH:	3.57
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' SHIRAZ AWARDS



VINTAGE 2016

Vintage 2016 started dry with only two thirds of the average rainfall for winter recorded, followed by half the usual for September and budburst and then none measurable at all in October. The vineyard managers were watering two weeks before budburst and through to January when a massive thunderstorm dumped 86 mm of rain in just two hours with some parts of the Old Tahbilk vineyards also hit by hail storm damage. Fortunately cool windy days followed with no mould or other diseases evident. The harvest itself was 'compressed' with many of the red blocks going through veraison at the same time as the whites, leading to the same amount of grapes being taken in but in a shorter period of time. Despite the early and quick vintage, the flavours were good with crisp and delicate whites and most reds picked at optimum ripeness showing juicy and bright fruit. Overall a good to very good vintage in terms of quality and quantity.

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

"Crafted from the best Estate Shiraz available from the 2016 vintage, this Eric Stevens Purbrick release is complex and multi-faceted, lending savoury black olive aromas, alongside notes of nutmeg and cloves, to an opulently flavoured palate of blackberry and dark cherry fruits wrapped in a coat of fine, chewy tannins. Careful cellaring over a further 15 to 20 years from vintage will be rewarded."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker