



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2003 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.37
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

VINTAGE 2003

The 2003 vintage was very warm and dry, producing wines with pronounced colour and intense flavours. Yields were lower than normal as a result of the low rainfall for the year and the continuing drought.

Picking started unusually early, with many of the whites picked by the March Labour Day weekend - traditionally the vintage start date. The reds harvest began after the long weekend and had finished by mid-April.

Whites from the 2003 vintage are showing crisp, bright fruit characters with some delicacy, the reds robust, vibrant primary fruits and approachable tannins, and seem destined to age well in the medium term.

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 Excellent in *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VI* as being a 'high performing wine of exquisite quality', since the inaugural 1979 vintage Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz releases have become most sought after and collectable, cementing their place as being an authentic piece of liquid history.

TASTING NOTE

"Showing complex secondary aromas with warm mixed spice notes highlighted by cinnamon and nutmeg, dark chocolate, black olive, licorice and blackberry characters.

Medium bodied but powerful with complex spice and primary dark berry fruit flavours, the influence of premium French oak is refined and beautifully integrated. Well balanced, velvety and fine tannins complete a complex and urbane wine of amazing length."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker



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