



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2005 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.40
ALCOHOL:	13.0% v/v



VINTAGE 2005

2005 vintage was predictable and typical in every way – reasonable rain in winter and spring provided for good growth and there was little rain over the vintage period.

The exception was that it was one of the cooler vintages on record – with an average maximum temp of only 25.1 degrees and a highest maximum temp of only 37.5.

Fruit flavours were concentrated and the quality of the varieties was uniformly good. The reds have good structure and balance and have the potential for long, predictable ageing.

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 Outstanding in *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VII* as being amongst ‘the best of Australian winemaking practices, vineyard provenance and regional voice’. Since the inaugural 1979 vintage Tahbilk ‘1860 Vines’ Shiraz releases have cemented their place as being an authentic piece of liquid history.

TASTING NOTE

"A complex, bottle-aged '1860 Vines' Shiraz displaying earthy and developed aromas of dark berry, blackcurrants and plums. Medium to full bodied, the palate shows concentrated fruit characters with lovely savoury notes, cedar, chocolate, coffee and a hint of black olive. The tannins persist but will soften before the fruit."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker

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