

NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2010 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months on 60% new oak - 70% French/30% American
ACID:	6.3 g/l
pH:	3.43
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK'
CABERNET SAUVIGNON AWARDS



VINTAGE 2010

A lack of solid rain through the winter and spring of 2009 meant that the subsoils remained dry. Good falls in the catchment areas however meant that water allocations were higher than normal allowing frequent irrigation, ensuring the vines were not water stressed during flowering and fruit set. Frequent but light rain at the start of summer allowed good vine growth despite the lack of subsoil moisture reserves.

Picking started in late February and continued at a steady pace notwithstanding storms, hail and flash flooding in early March with 100ml of rain in two days. Strong winds and cool weather followed ensuring the fruit remained disease free.

The whites from 2010 showed good flavours and the reds are very promising indeed, particularly Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 NOTES

"A 'best of a vintage' Cabernet Sauvignon that has all the hallmark characters of the Estate. Vibrant blackcurrant fruit, dark cherry and eucalypt notes with subtle cigar and tobacco hints, the palate is generous in flavour and richly complex with firm, structured tannins on a finish of impressive length.

A release that has great potential to develop added complexity with careful cellaring. Drink Now to 2030+"

Alister Purbrick, CEO and Winemaker

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