



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK

EST-1860



## 2015 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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| WINE REGION:   | Nagambie Lakes   |
| FRUIT SOURCE:  | Tahbilk Estate   |
| GRAPE VARIETY: | Cabernet Sauvignon                                     |
| MATURATION:    | 18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak. |
| ACID:          | 6.6 g/l  |
| pH:            | 3.46   |
| ALCOHOL:       | 13.5% v/v  |

TOTAL 'ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK'  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON AWARDS



### VINTAGE 2015

The winter of 2014 started well with above average rainfall for June and July, then nothing in August. The rollercoaster continued with September above, below for October, higher for November and low for December. The vineyard managers were irrigating at budburst and continued through Spring. Notwithstanding the unstable weather the vineyards remained healthy and disease free. Amazing considering the forecast conditions. Vintage itself started early – mid February – and continued apace until a lull in ripening early March that allowed the winery to catch up. The whites from 2015 show intense varietal characters, particularly the Marsanne & Riesling. Flavours in the reds are bright and concentrated - a very good year.

### 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

"The vineyard team delivered exemplary fruit from the 2015 vintage, so it was a case of the best of the best when crafting this, and its partner Shiraz, release. A richly flavoured core of concentrated and pronounced eucalypt, cassis and dark plum fruits is peppered with cigar box and sweet spice notes from a healthy percentage of new French oak. The palate is silky smooth and impressive in length graced by finely grained tannins. A replica 1870s label completes a truly notable offering that will reap further complexity if cellared out to 2039+

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

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