



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK



2021 MARSANNE

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Marsanne
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.30 g/l
pH:	3.14
ALCOHOL:	13.0% v/v

TOTAL MARSANNE AWARDS

27



107



179



391



VINTAGE 2021

La Nina had a major influence on the 2020/21 growing season.

Tahbilk experienced good rainfall post 2020 vintage, and regular rainfall through the year.

Notwithstanding the challenges this presented for the vineyard team, who worked diligently to get their sprays on as required, the frequent rain days ensured the vineyards looked healthy and vibrant, with no disease or growth issues.

The effects of La Nina contributed to a cool to warm, but not hot summer, which meant a slow and steady ripening. By mid-March we'd picked all of the whites with all very promising – Marsanne in particular.

We'd also picked some reds by mid-March, mostly for Rosé, however daily light showers that followed had us all nervously waiting for the rain to stop so we could start picking the reds in earnest. The rain did stop and, after a lull in ripening, the reds jumped in sugar and the Winery staff were flat out keeping up with the picking.

For a vintage that looked touch and go quite a few times, 2021 will be rated a very good, to potentially stellar, vintage.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes.

One of the world's rarest grape varieties, with its origins in the Northern Rhone and Hermitage regions of France, Tahbilk's history with Marsanne can be traced back to the 1860's when White Hermitage cuttings were sourced from 'St Huberts' Vineyard in Victoria's Yarra Valley.

The grape in fact was Marsanne and although none of these original plantings have survived, the Estate has the world's largest single holding of the varietal and produces Marsanne from vines established in 1927, which are amongst the oldest in the world.

TASTING NOTE

"Rated as a stellar vintage for Estate whites, our 2021 release has all of the readily identifiable characters expected of a Tahbilk Marsanne.

Lifted floral and spice aromas, intense lemon/lime and tropical fruits, subtle honeysuckle notes, finishing with a razor-sharp, mineral acidity.

Time in the bottle will see further richness and complexity evolve. Enjoy now and out to 2029/2031."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker