



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK



## 2008 SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in both large and small predominantly French oak barrels
ACID:	6.8 g/l
pH:	3.45
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

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### VINTAGE 2008

Across Australia 2008 is widely known as the vintage from hell due to the run of high day and night temperatures in mid-March. This put extreme pressure on wineries that could not ameliorate the conditions with irrigation as we were able to do with our proximity and access to the Goulburn River. Also Estate conditions were hot, but not relentlessly and stiflingly so.

Prior to the heatwave the autumn weather was typically cool, which allowed slow development of the whites and resulted in picking them at up to 1 Baume lower than usual. We were also fortunate that we had the capacity to bring in the reds without delay as they were ready with the majority harvested within our preferred Baume range.

We were rewarded with white wines from 2008 showing crisp, vibrant fruit and some delicacy and reds with richness, depth and complexity.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes.

Purchased by Reginald Purbrick in 1925, five generations of the Purbrick family have been actively involved with the Estate bringing a tradition of pride, hard work and a love of good wine to their unique heritage of being the oldest family owned winery and vineyard in Victoria.

Tahbilk Shiraz is sourced from nearly 30 hectares of vines planted at various times from the 1930s through the early 2000s.

Crafted with a commitment to traditional wine making values, fermentation takes place in original open vats over 155 years old, with maturation then in similarly aged large French oak prior to bottling. Smaller predominantly French oak barrels are also used, with the wine from these blended back during the final filtering and bottling.

The resultant releases are noted as being fruit-driven wines of much flavour and substance, proven over the years to develop added character when cellared.

### TASTING NOTE

"A complex, bottle-aged Tahbilk red displaying aromas of lifted dark berry, blackcurrants, blackberries and ripe plums. Medium to full bodied the palate shows concentrated fruit characters with lovely savoury notes, cedar, chocolate, coffee and a hint of black olive."

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