



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months in both large and small predominantly French oak barrels
ACID:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.57
ALCOHOL:	14.0% v/v

TAHBILK CABERNET SAUVIGNON AWARDS

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### VINTAGE 2018

The 2018 growing season was dry and warm and perfect for growing premium wine grapes.

The winter of 2017 started with a very dry June and below average rains in July and August.

Spring continued the theme with less than half the average long term rainfall, and finished with an unseasonably warm November. The vines loved the favourable weather, growing large, healthy canopies and setting good bunch numbers – ideal for optimal yields.

Vineyard operations focused on trimming to maintain a balanced canopy, and irrigation to ensure the vines had adequate water and nutrients. Vintage started early February and progressed very smoothly and although it remained warm, cooler nights kept a lid on sugar accumulation so that ripening progression was close to perfect.

2018 promises to be a very good year, the whites have clear varietal definition and crisp fruit flavours, and the reds are bright and varietal, with concentration and depth.

### 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 has some 28 hectares of Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, the oldest vines dating back to 1949. 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.

Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon releases have shown consistently over time considerable richness and character and are considered by many experts to be the best Estate red for long-term cellarage.

### TASTING NOTE

"Well-structured with deep and robust aromas and flavours, this 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is showing persistent black fruit characters charmed by spicy herbs, black olive and bay leaf touches framed by a sturdy tannic grip. An extremely satisfying drink now and out to 2038/2040."

*Alister Purbrick*

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