

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 ensurethe 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 in Tahbilk 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 a rich history with each of the varietals that make up this release, in particular Marsanne with surviving vines that date back to 1927, to our more recent, yet still significantly mature, Viognier and Roussanne plantings.

With only seven vintages released to date, this Tahbilk triple blend is already gathering an admirable Wine Show record.

TASTING NOTE

"Deliciously textural, the richness and palate weight of the Roussanne, combined with the honeysuckle and mineral chalkiness of the Marsanne and fleshy, floral apricot and rose petal Viognier notes are refreshed with a bright lift of acidity on the finish to deliver a wine of immediate appeal that will further complex out to 2024/2026."

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Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation

CFO and Winemaker