



NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK

EST-1860



## 2017 GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Grenache 37% Shiraz 33% Mourvèdre 30%
MATURATION:	All varieties spent from 12 to 18 months in a mix of new and older French & American oak
ACID:	6.2 g/l
pH:	3.44
ALCOHOL:	14.5% v/v

TOTAL GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE AWARDS



### VINTAGE 2017

After many years of dry winters we received average to above average rains through the 2016 winter and spring. The grapevines responded, growing vivid green canopies and setting good crop levels. A temperamental spring saw up and down temperatures and there were many 'Four seasons in a day' events, and warmish rainy days. The latter caused anxiety for our vineyard managers, with the potential for mildew to develop. However good management and diligent monitoring allowed us to keep the vineyard disease free.

Summer seemed transient but we did have three balmy weeks through March with ripening continuing at a steady pace. The fine, albeit slightly cooler, weather lingered on in April and harvest continued steadily with very few issues but thankful that the weather did hold.

Vintage 2017 will be remembered as having a traditional late start with the very even and steady ripening resulting in distinct varietal flavours with bright fruit and elegant, fine structures.

### 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 can trace its history with the varietals that make up this blend back to 1860 and Estate Shiraz vines that still survive today. In more recent times these elder statesmen plantings have been joined by Grenache and Mourvèdre providing the synergistic opportunity to produce an Estate interpretation of the classic French Rhone Valley blending of the three.

Critical and consumer acclaim continues to grow for this new member of the Tahbilk Red's portfolio, along with a glowing Wine Show record.

### TASTING NOTE

"Polished, juicy and earthy, this 2017 Estate blend presents lifted savoury, gamey and leathery aromatics that lead to a flavoursome palate of dark plum and berry fruits with licorice and spice notes. Thoroughly enjoyable as a current release there is further character to be gained in the cellar out to 2025/2027."

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

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