

TOTAL GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE AWARDS



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VINTAGE 2019

2019 was the hottest summer on record, exacerbated by a dry winter and early spring. November and December were then tropical in comparison — higher temperatures and 50% more rainfall than the long-term average.

This weather pattern saw terrific canopy growth, with the frequent rains turning the vineyards a vivid green. The predictions of a warm and drier than normal summer, eventuated after Christmas The January average of 35 was 5 degrees hotter than 'normal' with February temperatures just a fraction above average. The heat was relentless, and there was no useful rainfall for the month so it remained very dry. Despite this the fruit didn't ripen as rapidly as anticipated, and we started vintage relatively late on February 19th. Ripening continued to be steady even though the hot days and warm nights continued, which allowed us to bring in fruit at optimum ripeness and without a rush. And the end result? Yields for Whites were down on expectations, but quality was good. The Reds fared better yield wise, and have bright fresh fruit, depth of flavour, and rich, full palates.

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 Mourvédre 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

"This latest in an impressive run of recent vintages is multilayered, vibrant and savoury with fleshy plum and dark fruits sitting alongside licorice, spice and dried herb notes.

Fine-grained and non-intrusive tannins finish a wine of immediate appeal that will see further character develop with cellaring out to 2028/2030."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation CEO and Winemaker