



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2016 VIOGNIER

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Viognier
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.7 g/l
pH:	3.15
ALCOHOL:	13.5% v/v

TOTAL VIOGNIER AWARDS	3		19		32		75	
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VINTAGE 2016

Vintage 2016 started dry with only two thirds of the average rainfall for winter recorded, followed by half the usual for September and budburst and then none measurable at all in October. The vineyard managers were watering two weeks before budburst and through to January when a massive thunderstorm dumped 86 mm of rain in just two hours with some parts of the Old Tahbilk vineyards also hit by hail storm damage. Fortunately cool windy days followed with no mould or other diseases evident. The harvest itself was 'compressed' with many of the red blocks going through veraison at the same time as the whites, leading to the same amount of grapes being taken in but in a shorter period of time. Despite the early and quick vintage, the flavours were good with crisp and delicate whites and most reds picked at optimum ripeness showing juicy and bright fruit. Overall a good to very good vintage in terms of quality and quantity.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian region of Nagambie Lakes. Originating in Condrieu in France's Northern Rhone Valley, Tahbilk's first plantings of Viognier were established in 1990. The inaugural vintage was released in 1996 to early critical acclaim with the Estate nominated by *Australian Vignerons* magazine as producing one of the 'Benchmark Six' Australian releases. Recognition has also come on the Australian Wine Show circuit with to date 3 Trophies, 19 Gold, 32 Silver and 75 Bronze medals awarded. Tahbilk Viognier releases are considered to be best appreciated as youthful and exuberant wines when their distinguishing floral and stone fruit characters are to the fore.

TASTING NOTES

"Aromatic rose petal and spice fragrances identify the 2016 vintage offering as characteristically Tahbilk. This then follows to an equally identifiably Estate palate of apricot and stone-fruits on a long and fragranced finish graced with a fresh acidity. Drink Now to 2018/2019"

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