

NAGAMBIE LAKES

# TAHBILK

EST. 1860

## 2023 MARSANNE

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Marsanne
MATURATION:	Stainless Steel
ACID:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.47
ALCOHOL:	12.5% v/v

### VINTAGE 2023

At Tahbilk, we like to say that every bottle tells a story, so in that case, the stories behind Vintage 2023 will be some of the most dramatic.

In October 2022, Tahbilk Estate bore the brunt of a 1 in 100-year flood, which affected our vines, impacted yields, and affected us, the Tahbilk team. Our vines have bounced back, thankfully with no longterm damage and minimal, if any attrition. In fact, if you walk around today you couldn't tell that over half of the vineyard had been under water. As for the team, this challenge will ultimately make us stronger. Then, as with every season, we were presented with a 'normal' set of issues around the weather, adding further to our taxing season. The summer's heat came quickly, and the ground once full of water was dry again, so we irrigated. Then the rain came, we stopped irrigating and waited for the weather to pass. It then became cool, the length of the season caught up with us, and not everything ripened so sadly we ended up leaving fruit on the vines ... including our iconic 1860 Shiraz!

The yields for the season, albeit low, have produced some very fine wines that embody the demands of this season, wines that we are extremely proud of and proud to share. So, when you are lucky enough to drink a Tahbilk wine from the 2023 season, think of the season, and think of us.

 **Jo Nash**  
General Manager & Chief Winemaker

### ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes.

One of the world's rarest grape varieties, with its origins in the Northern Rhone and Hermitage regions of France, Tahbilk's history with Marsanne can be traced back to the 1860's when White Hermitage cuttings were sourced from 'St Huberts' Vineyard in Victoria's Yarra Valley. The grape in fact was Marsanne and although none of these original plantings have survived, the Estate has the world's largest single holding of the varietal and produces Marsanne from vines established in 1927, which are amongst the oldest in the world. Tahbilk Marsanne has a dedicated global following due to its thrilling character and appeal as a young wine with intense lemon, citrus and tropical fruits on a crisp mineral edged finish with a proven ability to develop added complexity and character if cellared.

### TASTING NOTE

"A challenging year, that included a 1 in 100-year flood event, has delivered wines of wonderful depth of flavour and character. The intense floral, citrus and tropical fruits of our iconic Marsanne from that vintage testament to that. Fresh acidity and a clean minerality add to its appeal. Further complexity will certainly come with age."



**Alister Purbrick**  
4th Generation and Winemaker

