



## **GREAT RESULTS FOR TAHBILK IN THE WINE ADVOCATE & eROBERTPARKER**

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In the midst of Tahbilk's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, *The Wine Advocate*, the world's pre-eminent wine review publication, has released reviews of selected Tahbilk wines from Victoria's Nagambie Lakes region, published in both their leading magazine and at eRobertParker online.

These reviews were written by *The Wine Advocate's* regional Australian specialist, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, and follow her visit to Tahbilk earlier this year. Undertaken as part of an extensive wine tour of Australia's major wine regions, Lisa completed a comprehensive tasting of Tahbilk's current vintages and museum releases with CEO and Chief Winemaker, Alister Purbrick.

All the wines reviewed scored very well, with the best being 2005 *Tahbilk 1860 Vines Shiraz* receiving an impressive 95 out of a possible 100.

Tahbilk boasts the world's largest and oldest plantings of Marsanne, dating back to 1927, and some of the world's oldest Shiraz vines from which the iconic single vineyard *1860 Vines Shiraz* is made. Tahbilk is also recognised as a world class producer of Rhone varietals including Viognier, Marsanne and Shiraz as well as the traditional super premium varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling.

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## **BACKGROUND**

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### **2009 Tahbilk Marsanne**

A Marsanne Dry White Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 90 Points**

From fruit off some of the oldest Marsanne plantings in the world, dating back to 1927, the 2009 Marsanne has intense aromas of honeyed white peach, ripe pears and orange blossom. The moderately viscous, medium-bodied palate has a solid backbone of high acidity. Very clean and pure, this wine has a good intensity of stone fruit flavors and a long finish. Drinking now if you prefer a primary fruit style, this Marsanne has the capacity to age 7-9+ years, developing a richer, beeswax / dried fruit character.

### **2009 Tahbilk Viognier**

A Viognier Dry White Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 89 Points**

The 2009 Viognier provides pretty apricot and honeysuckle aromas with some poached pears and spice. This is a crisp, concentrated, full-bodied style with a long finish. Drink it now through 2012.

### **2006 Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon**

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 92 Points**

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is scented of intense cassis and warm blackberry with hints of mint, dark chocolate, powdered cumin and cloves. Crisp with a medium-high level of fine tannins and a full body, this is a beautifully balanced and structured Cabernet with a long finish best consumed 2013-2023+

### **2007 Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon**

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 91 Points**

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is a little subdued with moderate aromas of cassis, black olive and smoked game plus an appealing mushroomy / earthy character. Elegant and medium-bodied, the palate lends medium-high acid and firm fine tannins. The finish is long. Still a touch mute and tight, give this wine another 2-3 years in bottle and drink 2013-2022+

### **2006 Tahbilk Shiraz**

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Goulburn Valley, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 92 Points**

With a deep garnet color, the 2006 Shiraz is a little funky / gamey to begin, with a core of ripe blackberries, earth and cinnamon stick. Medium to full-bodied with a

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medium to high level of fine tannins and medium to high acid, it is superbly balanced by concentrated fruit and gives a long spicy finish. Approachable now, this wine should be delicious to 2018+

### **2007 Tahbilk Shiraz**

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Goulburn Valley, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 92 Points**

Giving a deep garnet-purple color, the 2007 Shiraz is very peppery with notes of crushed blackberries and anise. The rich, primary fruited, medium to full-bodied palate has a good amount of acid providing lift and a medium to high level of finely grained tannins, which are still a bit firm in the long finish. Give this Shiraz a couple more years in bottle and drink 2012-2018.

### **2005 Tahbilk Eric Stevens Purbrick Cabernet Sauvignon**

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 93 Points**

The 2005 Eric Stevens Purbrick Cabernet Sauvignon is deep garnet in color with intense cassis and mint aromas over subtler notes of pencil shavings, truffles, soy and black olive. Tightly knit, the condensed palate is finely constructed with medium-high acid and a firm level of grainy tannins. Still appearing very youthful, this wine should be at its best from 2014-2024+

### **2005 Tahbilk Eric Stevens Purbrick Shiraz**

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 92 Points**

Barely showing any signs of development, the 2005 Eric Stevens Purbrick Shiraz reveals a deep garnet-purple color. Dark cherry and blackberry aromas dominate the nose with some savoury, meaty notes and touch of damp earth. Crisp and very tight, this medium to full-bodied wine has a medium to high level of rounded tannins and a long finish. This wine should be approachable from 2012 and drinking well through 2022+.

### **2005 Tahbilk Shiraz 1860 Vines**

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Nagambie Lakes, Victoria, Australia

#### **Rating: 95 Points**

The 2005 1860 Vines is just magic. Deep garnet in color, it displays intense aromas of blackberry, smoky bacon, earth, cumin and allspice with touch of roasted nut. The medium to full-bodied palate is seriously savory with iron ore, game and truffle nuances countered by crisp acid and a medium-high level of very finely grained tannins. The finish is very long and complex. Drink it from 2015 to 2025+.