



TAHBILK RELEASE 2012 1860 VINES SHIRAZ: CONTINUING THE TRADITION FOR OVER 150 YEARS

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Victoria's oldest family owned winery, Tahbilk, located in the Nagambie Lakes region of central Victoria, is proud to release their 2012 1860 Vines Shiraz, continuing the tradition of their old vine Shiraz for over 150 years.

The team at Tahbilk decided not to produce a 2011 vintage of this esteemed wine as the fruit produced was not deemed of suitable quality. So the 2012 is the first release of this quality marque since vintage 2010 – the 150th anniversary release from these historic Shiraz vines.

A vintage of many parts, 2012 saw a mild autumn followed by a cool winter with little rain, reminiscent of the drought years of old. Spring started cool and dry with warm days and dewy mornings, classic Spring conditions. A wet and humid December, driven by northern tropical weather patterns influencing south eastern Australia, kept everyone on their toes. January was hot and dry with much irrigation and vine tending required to keep delicate roots and topsoil moist. An early harvest ensued with a dry March and April finishing a challenging vintage.

As original as the Estate itself, this wine is made from un-grafted, pre-phylloxera Shiraz vines that are recognised as some of the oldest in the world. After vinification, the wine has spent 18 months in 100% new, highest quality French oak, only fitting for a wine of this calibre. Designed to improve with age, this wine will drink well until 2032+.

Fourth generation CEO and winemaker, Alister Purbrick said, "We are proud to release the 2012 1860 Vines Shiraz, another celebration of some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world, from one of the world's most iconic vineyards. We are delighted that these carefully tended vines continue to produce

superior fruit resulting in wines of great distinction and ageing ability. Another beauty for the cellar."

The 2012 1860 Vines Shiraz will be available at selected restaurants and quality independent wine merchants and has a RRP of \$297. Head to www.tahbilk.com.au for more information.

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