

# TAHBILK

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## **CLASSIC WHITE VARIETALS FROM A CLASSIC ESTATE: NEW VINTAGE WHITES RELEASED BY VICTORIA'S OLDEST FAMILY OWNED WINERY, TAHBILK**

### **Media release – for immediate release**

**October 2017**

Victoria's oldest family owned winery Tahbilk, established in 1860 and located in the Nagambie Lakes region of Central Victoria, is proud to release its 2017 vintages of its classic white wines: Marsanne, Riesling and Viognier.

A return to the vintages of old, above average rainfall in Winter and Spring 2016 set the scene, and a welcome reversal of fortunes from the many dry winters in the previous years. The response of the vines was vigorous; vineyards were awash with vivid green canopies and good crop levels were set.

Spring rains and warm days created some anxiety, however, good canopy management and monitoring kept the vineyards healthy and mildew free as vintage approached.

A steady ripening period followed the rains, which was most unlike the short and sharp lead into vintage 2016 when it all happened so quickly! 2017 could be construed as an 'old fashioned' season, with even ripening of the grapes, a late start and late April finish, harking to memories of vintages gone by.

The long growing season has led to some delicious early development in the 2017 Marsanne, backed by some fresh and zesty aromas and a juicy and taut mineral palate. As always for Tahbilk Marsanne, this wine will easily cellar long term but is a perfectly approachable and satisfying wine now which is reflected by its recent gold medal win at the Rutherglen Wine Show.

The 2017 Viognier is full of Tahbilk character and true to style with a nod to its Northern Rhone Valley origins. Fragrant and fruit forward, underpinned by a

pronounced acid line on the finish, this wine will best be appreciated whilst youthful and exuberant when its distinguishing fruit characters are at the fore.

Juicy and lifted with taut acidity, the 2017 Riesling is a true reflection of the Estate style. Easy drinking now with a pronounced bouquet and elegance backed by flavour and finesse, this wine will continue to develop richness and texture and could cellar for up to ten years.

Tahbilk's fourth generation CEO and Winemaker, Alister Purbrick, reflected that, "Vintage 2017 definitely was a classic vintage at Tahbilk, one not seen for a number of years, and the resulting white wines are of terrific quality and true to our Estate style."

This range of wines will be available at selected restaurants and quality independent wine merchants and have RRP's as follows: 2017 Marsanne and 2017 Riesling are \$19.50 and the 2017 Viognier is \$20.60.

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