

# 2004 Tahbilk “1860 Vines” Shiraz

## Langton’s Classified “Excellent”



**Variety** : Shiraz  
**Region** : Nagambie Lakes, Victoria  
**Winemaker** : Alister Purbrick  
**Vintage** : 2004  
**Production** : Approx. 275 cases

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*"Its 1860s Vines Shiraz, made from fruit grown on a small patch of pre-phyloxera vines, is however, a rarity indeed and attracts significant interest on the wine auction market. Of immense proportions, it has earthy, plum and mulberry aromas, pronounced tannins and structure. Bottle age sees it become softer, fleshier and more complex. The label design harks back to an original Tahbilk wine label used during the 1870s, although the 1979 vintage was the first of this release. Produced in minuscule quantities, this wine is made very much in the traditional fashion with an emphasis on fruit flavours and the maturation effect rather than oak. An excellent cellaring style, with vintage an important factor."*

**Andrew Callaird**  
*Langton's Fine Wine Auctions*

### Overview

This legendary wine from the world famous Tahbilk vineyard is only made in the greatest years. Since its inaugural release in 1979 this piece of liquid history has become one of the most sought after and collectable wines throughout the world.

Tahbilk "1860 Vines" Shiraz are listed as "Excellent" in Australian wine auctioneers – Langton’s Classification of Australian Wine - the noted guide to Australia's secondary wine market.

Renowned winemaker Allistair Purbrick says the 2004 Vintage may well be the greatest in living memory.

### James Halliday - Wine Atlas of Australia and New Zealand – 27/05/2009

“Tahbilk. A Priceless Inheritance. In the world of changing fashions, Tahbilk is a rock of ages.

There is a continuity of style of the kind rarely encountered in Australia. The reds are massively constructed, invariably showing generous, berry and chocolate fruit flavours with enormous supporting tannins.

In 2002 *U.S. Wine & Spirits Magazine* nominated the Tahbilk "1860 Vines" plantings as one of the **25 Great Vineyards of the World**. The 25 selected were considered to be the vineyards where the terroir - the French term that roughly translates to the total environment of a place, including soil, climate, aspect, vine and even history - "is most clearly perceptible in the wine". Based on their own tastings, along with recommendations from world-wide industry experts, *Wine & Spirits* noted that "for all their flavour and richness . . . there is nothing blunt about them (1860 Vines Shiraz) . . . they share a transparency that lets the soil show through".

Throughout its career, Tahbilk has obtained over 1000 awards for wines produced on the Estate at all the world's principal exhibitions. These awards include the Diploma of Honour, the highest award obtainable at the Greater London Exhibition of 1899. Also First Order of Merit and Medals in London, Philadelphia, Paris, Bordeaux, Calcutta, Brussels, Amsterdam, Melbourne, Adelaide and Dunedin. Over 60 firsts have been obtained at the Royal Shows of Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane, and since the introduction of the medal awards in 1965 and until the end of 2002, Tahbilk Wines have been awarded 13 Trophies, 78 Gold, 213 Silver and 761 Bronze medals.