

2009 CENTERLINE

SYRAH, PETITE SIRAH, ZINFANDEL AND GRENACHE



HIGHFLYER

At Highflyer, we work with small, family-owned, benchmark vineyards throughout California where terroir and variety are in perfect alignment. We harvest fruit from the Santa Lucia Highlands, Santa Maria Valley, Bennett Valley, Santa Ynez and Napa Valley to produce wines that are thought provoking, thought provoking and our best expression of the varietal. Our name references our winemaker/owner Craig Becker's other great passion in life: aviation. As a private pilot Craig can fly to a distant region, walk the site, meet with the vineyard management team to ensure our strict farming protocols are being followed.

VINEYARD

Centerline is a proprietary red blend of Syrah (53%), Petit Sirah (36%), Zinfandel (8%), and Grenache (3%). This particular blend comprises more than 90% of our Somerston Estate vineyard fruit while the rest was carefully sourced from renowned vineyards in Bennett Valley, the Vivio Vineyard and Santa Barbara County, Star Lane Vineyards. We combine our Estate fruit with fruit from these special regions and climates to make a wine that is remarkably distinctive, complex, balanced, and compelling.

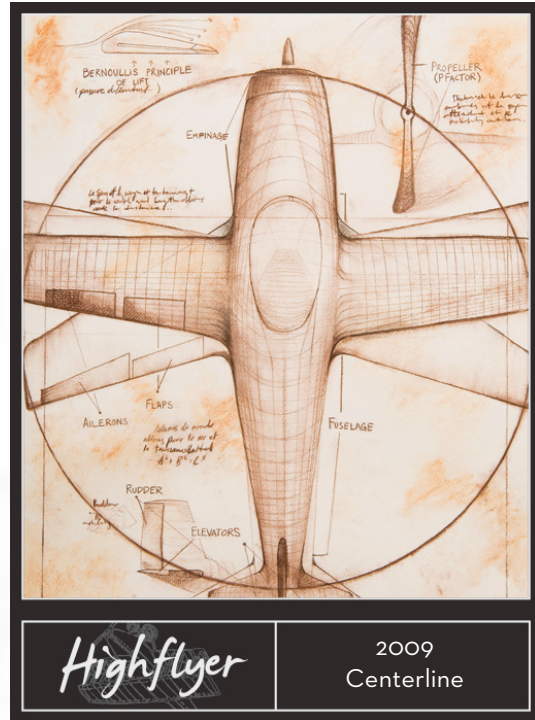
WEATHER

The 2009 growing season began with cool spring temperatures, which led to late, but perfect flowering conditions. Summer months were mild to warm with two short heat spikes in August. A Mild September allowed for slow ripening that resulted in bright flavors, with a balance of good acidity and tannins that built great structure for this wine.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Continuing the tradition of Centerline, this wine over delivers with a focus on fruit and structure. The wine is balanced and sure to be a crowd pleaser. The aromas are ripe with black cherry, chocolate, and spicy notes leap out of the glass. The palate full and rich with a touch of lush tannins, fresh berries, and rounded out by good acidity and integrated oak.

Craig Becker, Winemaker / Pilot



APPELLATION:	NAPA VALLEY
BRIX AT HARVEST:	26.2
TA:	5.8 G/L
PH:	3.87
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	4,400 CASES