2010 CENTERLINE

Petite Sirah, Syrah, Tempranillo & Zinfandel



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 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, wal the site, meet the vineyard management team to ensure our strick farming protocols are being followed.

VINEYARDS

Centerline is a proprietary red blend of Petite Sirah (45%), Syrah (30%), Tempranillo (18%) and Zinfandel (7%). This particular blend comprises more than 90% of our Somerston Estate vineyard fruit. We combine our Estate fruit with fruit from these special regions and climates to make a wine that is remarkably distinctive, complex, balance and compelling.

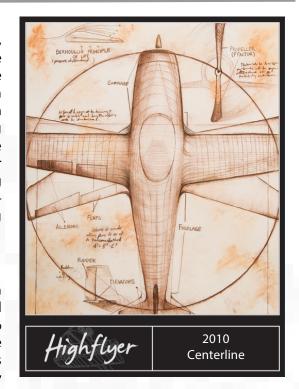
WEATHER

The 2010 growing season was a cycle of extreme, extended heat followed by rain and cold days and nights that repeated itself for several weeks. Longtime vineyard managers hadn't seen such fickle weather in the past few decades. Though the vintage was a challenging one, the wines are showing exceptionally well; flavors are intense and developed.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Continuing the tradition of Centerline, this wine over delivers with a focus on fruit and structure. The is balance 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: 14.8%

PRODUCTION: 3,600 cases