

# 2011 CENTERLINE

SYRAH, MERLOT, SANGIOVESE, PETITE SIRAH, CABERNET FRANC, PETIT VERDOT, GRENACHE, MALBEC



## 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, walk the site, meet the vineyard management team to ensure our strict farming protocols are being followed, and return home, all in one day.

## VINEYARDS

Centerline is a proprietary red blend of Syrah (43%), Merlot (18%), Sangiovese (11%), Petite Sirah (9%), Cabernet Franc (7%), Petit Verdot (5%), Grenache (4%) and Malbec (3%). We combine fruit from select regions and climates to make a wine that is remarkably distinctive, complex, balanced and compelling.

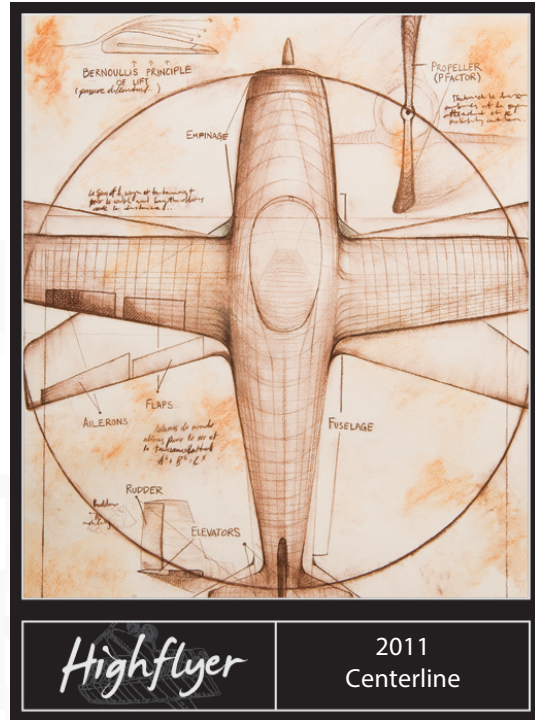
## WEATHER

The 2011 growing season was near perfect and grapes were harvested in late September. Sheltered by the mountains, the sunshine was plentiful and strong resulting in a balanced amount of fruit on the vine. The long growing season allowed us to develop flavors while retaining the refreshing acids.

## 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 and chocolate, and spicy notes leap out of the glass. The palate is full and rich with a touch of lush tannins, fresh berries and rounded out by good acidity and integrated oak.

Craig Becker, Winemaker/Pilot



<b>APPELLATION:</b>	<b>NAPA VALLEY</b>
<b>BRIX AT HARVEST:</b>	<b>26.2</b>
<b>TA:</b>	<b>5.8 G/L</b>
<b>PH:</b>	<b>3.87</b>
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	<b>4,300 cases</b>