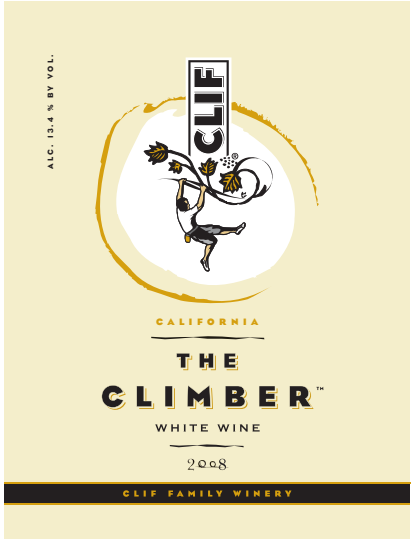
The Climber
2008 White Wine



Blend:	88% Sauvignon Blanc
	4% Muscat
	3% Riesling
	3% Chardonnay
	2% Chenin Blanc
Alcohol:	13.4%
Release Date:	Summer 2009
Cases Produced:	3,800 cases
Winemaker:	Sarah Gott

Winemaking Notes

The 2008 vintage was a rollercoaster ride from bloom through harvest. The early spring bloom was affected by long spells of cold frosty mornings, and many vineyards started with significant crop loss early on. Then we had some warm days to start the growth followed by cold rain during flowering to decrease the crops even further. Because of the severe crop shortage, yields from some of our favorite sources of Sauvignon Blanc were done. We were able to branch out further into Lake, Monterey and Mendocino counties and the grapes from these regions were amazing quality with great concentration.

The Climber White is a unique blend of our favorite white varietals. Sauvignon Blanc sourced from Lake, Lodi and Monterey counties makes up the backbone of the wine, with clean melon, citrus, and gooseberry aromas. Muscat adds increased terpene floral aromas and richness in the mouth. Riesling adds tropical and jasmine aromas, while also giving the mouth good acidity. Chardonnay from Monterey adds a minerality and depth in the mid palate. And Chenin Blanc increases the purity and structure of the blend.

The wine is 100% stainless steel fermented and did not got through malolactic fermentation so the purity of the fruit could be enhanced. The result is classical varietal notes with a crisp, refreshing mouthfeel.

Wine Notes

This refreshing white blend offers aromas of ripe melon, grapefruit and pear on the nose. Wonderful flavors of ripe citrus, together with a sweet bright floral mid palate make this a great food wine, while its balanced acidity carries the fruit flavors for a long finish.

You may know us as the people behind Clif Bar & Company. We are the makers of Clif Bar, LUNA and other nutritious, organic products. We have always had a passion for the outdoors and great food and wine. After a long day of hiking or cycling, we enjoy nothing better than a long, relaxed meal with family and friends enjoyed over a great bottle of wine. After moving to the Napa Valley in 1997, this passion further developed and we began making our own wine in 2004. Now with winemaker Sarah Gott, we are committed to making high quality, affordable wines sourced from sustainable or organic vineyards whenever possible. Enjoy!

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