

Easter Wines: Raising a Glass...to the Disciples

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We know the Bible talks about wine; in fact Jesus' first recorded miracle was turning water IntoWine so we're assuming he might have been a Cab drinker. Okay, maybe Pinot. Definitely not Viognier. Regardless, being his disciple was a tough job: little sleep, lack of food, being yelled at, walking in sandals all day without proper arch support. So to honor Easter and the 12 disciples we've paired a specific wine to each disciple (actually, 11 disciples - no one wants their wine to be associated with Judas - we call that Zima, and it too died an ignoble death).



Simon the Zealot: Any time your name also includes your personality type, you know you're in trouble. The New Testament tells us practically nothing on him personally except that he was a Zealot who were fanatical Jewish Nationalists who had heroic disregard for personal suffering, wanting only to maintain the purity of their faith. His apostolic symbol is a fish lying on a Bible, which indicates he was a former fisherman, or instead used the Bible as a placemat. Either way the heroic **Cycles Gladiator 2014 Petite Sirah** is a fully fleshed out uber rich and ripe wine. The dominant cherry and black cherry are unrelenting and unforgiving, pulling no punches also offering blackberry and cola, and makes you want to get up and be all zealot-like. (\$11, cyclesgladiator.com)