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Tour de Franzia

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Tour de France? Kind of boring. Tour de Franzia? Definitely not boring. Allow me to introduce you to the best drinking game on two wheels.

As the name implies, Tour de Franzia involves bicycles and wine. A quick Google search will tell you that there are many variations to this game, but one of the most popular versions goes something like this: You and a group of your closest alcohol-loving friends start at someone’s house or apartment. As quickly as possible, finish a box or two of the classiest wine around, Franzia. Then get on your bikes and ride to another station, and so on. You can have as many stations as you like, but keep in mind that you’ll almost certainly be on your way to a hangover for the ages. Maybe set the Tylenol bottle out before you leave for your tour.

Adam Prosise, senior in agronomy, estimates he’s done four tours. “It’s a good way to get out, travel around and not do your typical party, but to drink a bunch of wine and ride bikes,” Prosise says.

It doesn’t take much to imagine the kind of shenanigans a group of people can get into when that much boxed wine is involved. Prosise admits that on one tour, he busted his bike completely and had to ride the rest of the way in a friend’s kiddie trailer. If you plan on attempting your first tour, just remember to be safe. Nothing ruins a party faster than a visit with a doctor or your favorite Ames police officer.

“I’d say the biggest thing is, on your first time, just try to be safe and don’t get too crazy,” Prosise says. This means make sure you have lights on the front and back of your bike, know where you’re going and don’t go completely wild. It’s not likely in your best interest to get so drunk that you can’t stay on the bike.

If getting tipsy on the trails still isn’t enough to spice up your weekend, add costumes and take pictures. Dressing up is guaranteed to make everything funnier. That is, until the next morning when you log onto Facebook.