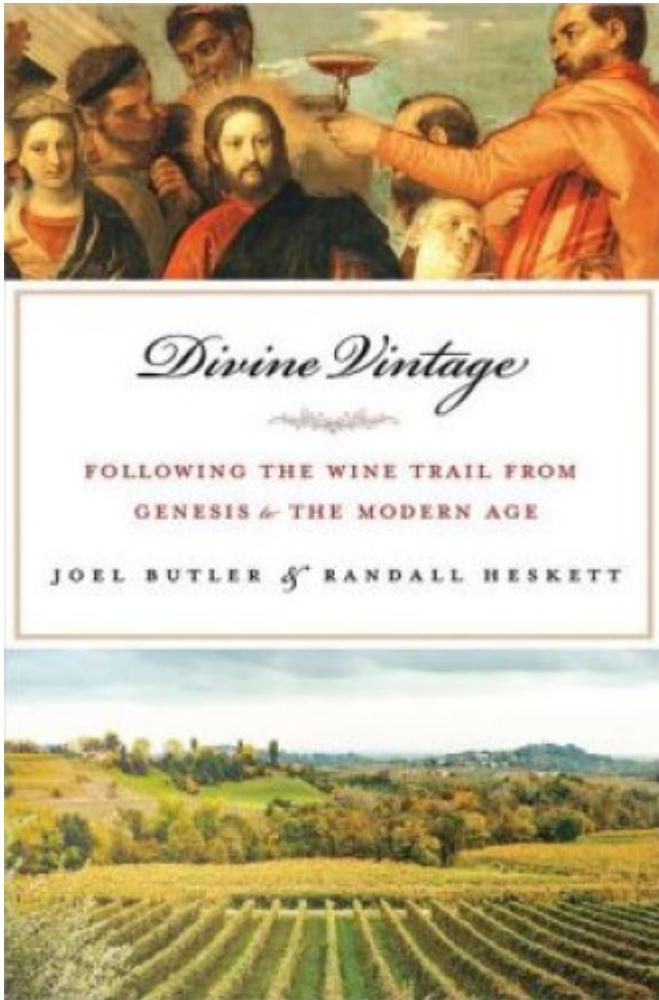


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In Review



Divine Vintage

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Wine was a major economic resource in the Near East and the Mediterranean world; in times of war, vineyards would be one of the first areas attacked by enemies to undermine the economy. The Bible mentions wine more than 235 times. The role of

the “cupbearer” in the Bible was similar to a sommelier or wine expert today. Wine was considered a source of wisdom. A wise person chose good wine and used moderation in consuming it. The authors, a biblical scholar and a wine expert, make an educated guess about the kind of wine Jesus might have consumed. The Mas des Tourelles winery in France makes wines today using techniques similar to those of Jesus’ day.