

epicRIDES™ TRAINING GUIDE

HEALTH WARNING

Not all exercise programs are suitable for everyone, so please consult your physician before beginning this or any exercise program. You should always warm up for a few minutes before beginning any exercise program. You should never exercise beyond the level at which you feel comfortable. If at any time you feel that the recommended intensity is too difficult, reduce the resistance or shift to a lower gear. Take additional time to rest between sections if needed. If at any time you feel discomfort or you are exercising beyond your limit, you should slow down or discontinue the exercise immediately.

THE USER ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF INJURY IN USE OF THIS PROGRAM.



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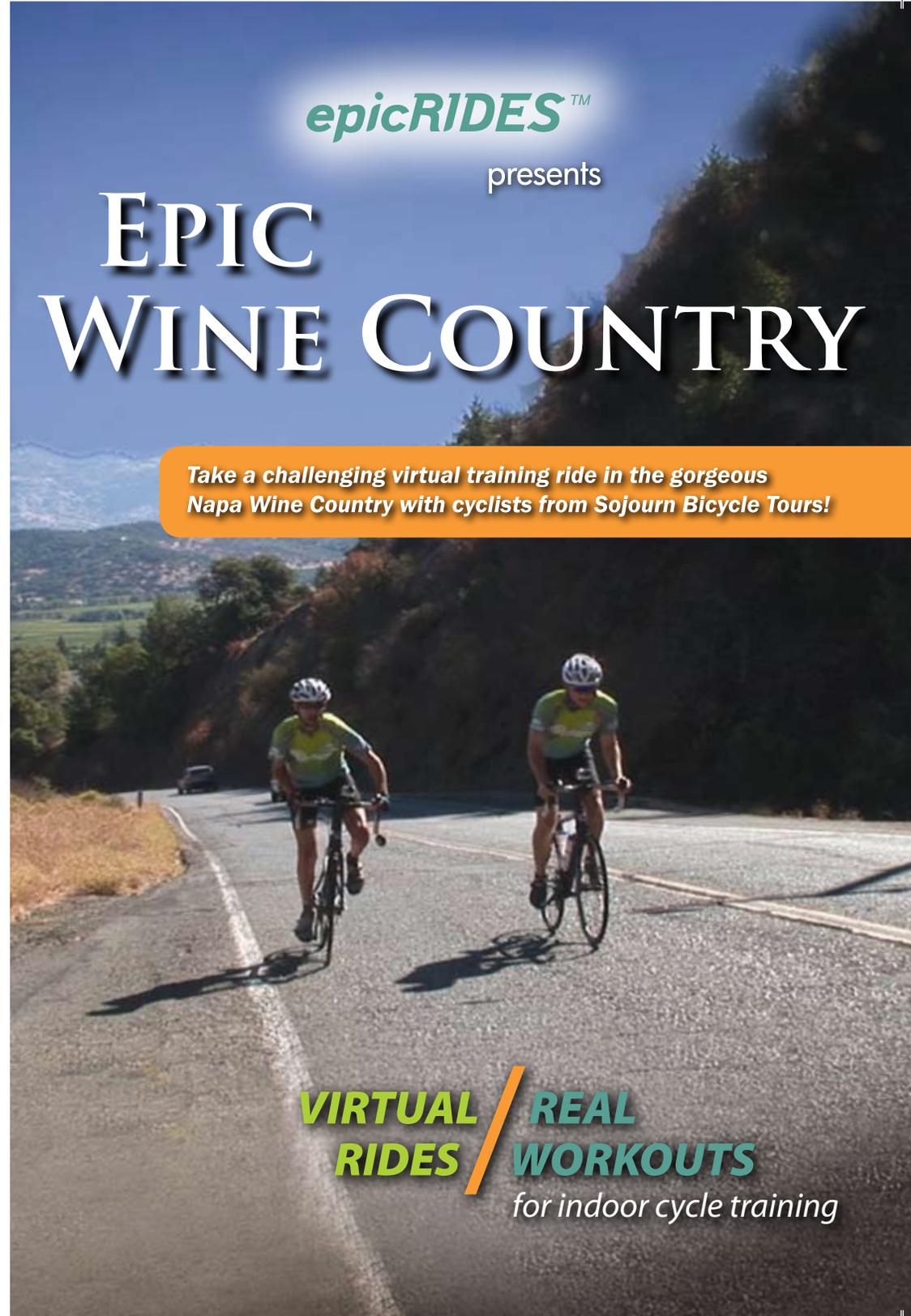
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presents

EPIC WINE COUNTRY

Take a challenging virtual training ride in the gorgeous Napa Wine Country with cyclists from Sojourn Bicycle Tours!



VIRTUAL / REAL
RIDES / WORKOUTS
for indoor cycle training

Welcome to **epicRIDES™** - Real rides, shot in real places with real riders that are virtually amazing!

This Training Guide offers you a number of physiologically based training programs created in partnership with Joey Adams, M.S. CycleOps Master Training Specialist and owner of Intelligent Fitness a human performance company.

Here is what you will find in this Training Guide:

- An explanation about our Training Zone methodology
- An explanation of the **epicRIDES™** digital dashboard
- Three different Training Ride programs to choose
- A blank Training Ride program for you or your trainer to write in your own training program for this ride

Additionally, on our web site (www.epicplanet.tv) you can also find:

- A MapMyRide.com Route Map of this epic ride with downloadable GPS data
- A way for you to nominate your own Epic Ride for consideration for filming by the epicPLANET.tv team at www.epicplanet.tv/myride
- A feedback form for you to share your ideas about **epicRIDES™** with us at www.epicplanet.tv/review

Your next step is to get your indoor cycling gear on, and get ready for an epic indoor experience! So pop your DVD in, get on your indoor bike, and let's get those wheels spinning!

Don't Like Our Music? Then Use Your Own!

In our **epicRIDES™** testing we have found that the choice of music for Indoor Cycle Training is very subjective and that it's virtually impossible to please everyone!

So we suggest that if our music is not for you, simply turn the volume down on the video and use your iTunes, Music Player or other digital music player software to create a your own playlist for this ride.

It's really pretty easy! Since our **epicRIDES™** is laid out in segments of five minute or multiples of five minutes, you can use your playlist creation software (such as iTunes) to organize your choice of songs for this ride; keeping in mind that you want your music for each segment to either fit or exceed the length of that segment. Then, when you ride, simply move the music ahead to the next segment's songs if your choices for the previous segment runs too long.

And with iTunes, you can even share your custom **epicRIDES™** playlist with us and other riders by creating an iMix (use your iTunes help for instructions)!

A Note to Indoor Cycling Instructors

For years, indoor cycling instructors have mixed their own music selections and then blended these with a class program of their choosing to deliver exciting and motivating classes to their participants.

Now, with **epicRIDES™**, indoor cycling instructors can bring a new dimension to their classes - the video dimension! **epicRIDES™** are designed to complement you, the Instructor. So now you can take your class far outside your studio to real and exciting places, riding along with real riders on a challenging route.

As an indoor cycling instructor, we suggest you use this Training Guide as a starting place in making this **epicRIDES™** "your own." Here are the steps:

1. Ride to this **epicRIDES™** yourself before using it in a class.
2. Choose to use our music or create your own mix.
3. Review our various workouts in this Training Guide and either use them as they are, adapt one as you see fit or invent your own!
4. Finally develop your own individual strategy to use to present and lead this ride.

If you believe, like we do, that using real road riding situations in Indoor Cycling Classes is a great new way to motivate, energize and excite your class, then you can be sure to deliver a compelling **epicRIDES™** class time after time.



About epicRIDES™ Training Zones

Indoors versus outdoors. Outdoors versus indoors, each type of training has advantages over the other. Yet, they both have the same training zones in common. What is a training zone, and why is it important?

First, let's start with the big advantage that indoors has over outdoors – one can easily argue it is the smooth “road” of the inside. When you are riding outside there are many variables, you work with and against wind, terrain, and a host of environmental, physiological and psychological factors. Inside you can control the environment and the terrain – thus, you can more readily work in specific training zones via the elimination of extraneous factors. Indoor training ensures your body is getting the prescribed stimulus of a specific training session. In contrast to the varying stimuli often created when the ride is outside.

Often we will ask athletes that we coach to ride inside for certain workouts to maximize the “dosage” of their workout. Each of the training zones is like a dose of medicine – the dosage creates a specific response in the body and thus a specific adaptation. So, the first thing that is essential is having the right dose dialed in – this dosage can be identified through the CycleOps Power Test (<http://www.saris.com/t-CPTC.aspx?skinid=2>). After you have completed your test you now have your zones (dosages) ready for your training plan. Your training plan (daily, weekly, monthly and annually that you or your coach created as a roadmap towards your goals) will identify for you when and how you need to exercise to create

the optimal adaptation of your physiology with the most efficient use of your time. Without a plan you are just working out – with a plan you build your strengths and improve on your weaknesses. Each training zone creates specific adaptations and each training zone fits into a larger whole. **The table on the next page highlights some of the key elements of each zone.** But keep in mind the body is in a constant state of flux and is always “blending” systems and hence, fiber type recruitment depending on fitness, neuromuscular pathways, bike fit and a host of other factors – thus, the following is offered as a generalization of the complexity of the body's intricacies.

Think of each zone as a building block for the next zone. As you build your physiology from the bottom up (Zone 1 to Zone 5), you are creating a stronger you. Each zone is dependent on the strength of the zones below it. Thus, the anaerobic system is dependent upon the strength of the aerobic system. The longer you can rely on the strength of Zone 1, the less you will have to rely on the limited capacity of the anaerobic system in Z5. The more wattage you can get out of Z1 the more energy you get at less cost to the body. It is just like driving your car in these days of high cost petroleum. By having an efficient and strong aerobic system you get more power at less cost – kind of like a “green” ride. As your threshold increases you will notice that your wattage output in each training zone increases! We all want more power at less cost... using training zones within a periodized training plan is the way to get more power out of less effort!

About John Macgowan

John Macgowan is known as the Host of the Indoor Cycle Instructor Podcast, the number one independent recourse for Indoor Cycling Instructors around the world.



John's career as an Indoor Cycling Instructor began in the late 90's when his wife Amy (best known as the Senior Instructor at www.indoor-cycleinstructor.com) returned home and announced “John, I think I have found a group fitness class that you will actually be able to participate in and enjoy.” Amy had just completed her Spinning® certification and recognized that these new “Spinning®” classes may appeal to her very uncoordinated husband. She was right. This new “Spinning®” thing really fit into his winter training plans, while he attempted (maybe pretended is a better word) to compete as a competitive cyclist. His responsibilities' as a father of two girls (Abby and Carly), a demanding job, a torn biceps tendon and his 40th birthday derailed any shot at the Tour de France. Now he is content to lead group rides, with Amy as his Stoker, on their tandem bicycle around the lakes of Minnesota.

John holds certifications through multiple Indoor Cycling organizations and teaches regularly at two Life Time Fitness clubs in Minneapolis. Members of Indoor Cycle Instructor/PRO can look forward to an Audio PROfile from John, as a companion to Epic Wine Country, in the near future.



Training Zone	% of Threshold Power	Approx. % of Maximal HR*	Rating of Perceived Exertion 1-10 Scale	Primary Energy System	Primary Muscle Fibers	Primary Fuel	Benefits
5	Max effort	Maximum	10 Very Hard	Anaerobic	Fast Twitch IIa and IIb	Carbohydrate/ Creatine Phosphate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases high energy phosphate stores (ATP/PCr) Increases neurological recruitment
4	100 - 120% TP	>85%	8 - 9 Hard	Anaerobic	Fast Twitch IIa	Carbohydrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improves lactate clearance develops speed develops power elevates anaerobic capacity hypertrophy of fast twitch fibers increases anaerobic capacity increases VO2
3	85 - 100% TP	80 - 85%	5 - 7 Moderate to Hard	Aerobic and Anaerobic	Fast Twitch IIa	Carbohydrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases oxidative/glycolytic enzymes elevates lactate threshold develops strength increases blood buffering of lactate
2	60 - 85% TP	65 - 80%	3 - 4 Moderate	Aerobic	Slow Twitch	Fat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> body fat/weight loss skill/technique development improves economy of movement increases capillary density increases oxidative enzymes slow twitch development connective tissue development increases stroke volume/maximal cardiac output increases muscle fuel storage builds muscular endurance and stamina increases blood volume
1	Up to 60% TP	Up to 65%	1 to 2 – Easy	Aerobic	Slow Twitch	Fat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> removal of metabolic waste regeneration between intervals recovery after hard training rest during injury or illness warm up or cool down no muscular fatigue

*Fitness level, stroke volume, and a plethora of other factors effect heart rate and heart rate zones – see The Heartbeat of Power at <http://www.saris.com> for a more detailed explanation.



The dashboard features several data points and visualizations:

- Training Activity:** A dark grey box with a green globe icon and the text "HARD CLIMB" in red.
- Climb Timer:** A red box with white text showing "CLIMB 00:03:07".
- Training Zone:** A green box with "4-5 TZ" in white.
- Average Grade (for segment):** A green box with "+6% AV GR" in white.
- Terrain Profile:** A line graph with a red line for the current segment and a yellow line for the rest of the ride, overlaid on a road view.
- Ride Timer:** A green box with "00:36:21" in white.

TRAINING GOAL: (Easy)

Segment	Time	Training Activity	Avg. Grade	TZ	RPM	Action
1	00:00 - 05:00	Warm-Up	+1%	1-2	80-90	Your time here is limited and the warm-up should not be a passive activity. Begin with enough load or gearing to feel some stress in your legs while maintaining a comfortable cadence. Focus on that feeling of stress and when you start to feel some comfort it's time to add more load. Your object is to be warm and breathing with purpose for the beginning of segment 2
2	00:05 - 25:00	Interval Climbing	+3%	3-4	90	Use the on-screen Intervals to raise your level of exertion and maintain it. Breathing should be purposeful but not heavy. Each time see if you can push yourself a little harder and hold it.
3	25:00 - 50:00	Hard Climbing	+6%	4-5	80	Pace yourself during each of the climb intervals while you maintain smooth powerful pedals. You should be feeling the challenge in your legs, but not to the point of slowing your cadence or feeling the need to back off the load.
4	50:00 - 01:10:00	Fast Descent	-3%	2-3	90-100	Enjoy that "Delicious Feeling" (thank you Jennifer Sage) of working aerobically with increased cadence, while continuing to feel each pedal pushing with purpose.

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TRAINING GOAL: (Intermediate)

Segment	Time	Training Activity	Avg. Grade	TZ	RPM	Action
1	00:00 - 05:00	Warm-Up	+1%	1-2	80-90	Your time here is limited and the warm-up should not be a passive activity. Begin with enough load or gearing to feel some stress in your legs. Focus on that feeling of stress and when you start to feel some comfort it's time to add more load. Your object is to be warm and breathing with purpose for the beginning of segment 2
2	00:05 - 25:00	Interval Climbing	+3%	3-4	90	Continue pushing yourself harder, adding additional load or gearing during each on-screen interval, with the objective of reaching and holding your Threshold Heart Rate multiple times. Recover down only far enough to feel some relief, while you keep with the others in your group.
3	25:00 - 50:00	Hard Climbing	+6%	4-5	80	How hard do you want to work today? Go there now and then maintain it. Pedals must feel heavy, but not slow, during each of the climb intervals. Alternate standing / seated while you maintain smooth powerful pedals.
4	50:00 - 01:10:00	Fast Descent	-3%	2-3	90-100	Time for a fast pace-line downhill run. Take 2 minute turns at the front at an effort that has you feeling fast and powerful. Be ready for the short surprise climb at the 53:00 mark where you can drop your buddies and then finish with a strong, sustained effort to the bottom.

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TRAINING GOAL: Racing - Advanced

Segment	Time	Training Activity	Avg. Grade	TZ	RPM	Action
1	00:00 - 05:00	Warm-Up	+1%	1-2	80-90	Your time here is limited and the warm-up should not be a passive activity. Begin with enough load or gearing to feel some stress in your legs. Focus on that feeling of stress and when you start to feel some comfort it's time to add more load. Your object is to be warm and breathing with purpose for the beginning of segment 2
2	00:05 - 25:00	Interval Climbing	+3%	3-4	90	Continue pushing yourself harder with additional load or gearing during each on-screen interval, with the objective of reaching and holding your Threshold Heart Rate multiple times. Recover down only far enough to feel some relief, while you keep with the others in your group.
3	25:00 - 50:00	Hard Climbing	+6%	4-5	80	Here's where the fun begins! Add load until you feel the need to stand (but you don't) while pedaling smoothly at 80 RPM. Your effort is at, or just above, Threshold during each climb segment. Keep your cadence around 80 RPM to work your cardiovascular system as well as your legs. If you feel like you may not make it to the top, perfect! You're right where you belong. Don't back-off your load during the recovery, but stand and slow pedal. Focus on breathing deeply while you prepare mentally to attack the next effort.
4	50:00 - 01:10:00	Fast Descent	-3%	2-3	90-100	Time for a fast pace-line downhill run. Take 2 minute turns at the front at just below Threshold. Be ready for the short surprise climb at the 53:00 mark where you can drop your buddies and then finish with a strong, sustained effort to the bottom.

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This blank page is for you or your trainer to write in your own **epicRIDES™** training plan.

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1	00:00 - 05:00	Warm-Up	+1%	1-2		
2	00:05 - 25:00	Interval Climbing	+3%	3-4		
3	25:00 - 50:00	Hard Climbing	+6%	4-5		
4	50:00 - 01:10:00	Fast Descent	-3%	2-3		

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