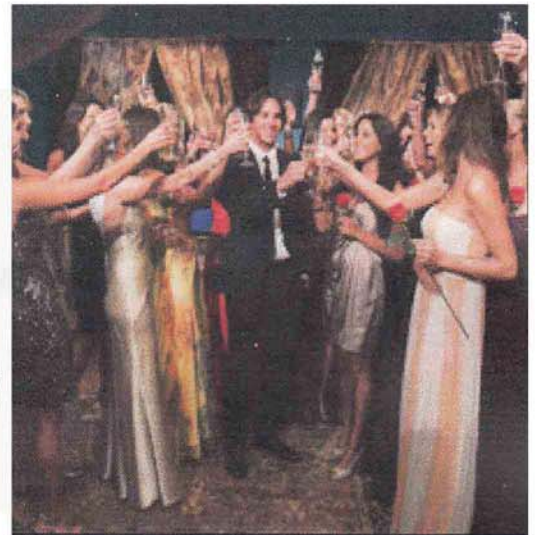


Wine Spectator

2012 Predictions

Unfiltered gazes into the future and sees love blossom for a Sonoma sweetheart on *The Bachelor*, a holy wine from Tim Tebow, Napa Cabernets on the loose in China, plus, the Occupy movement takes to the vineyards



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Sonoma winemaker Ben Flajnik is already having a pretty good year.

• In the fake world of reality television, the new season of ABC's *The Bachelor* premiered this week. Nearly 8 million people tuned in to see Sonoma winemaker and rejected marriage proposer from last season's *Bachelorette* **Ben Flajnik** debut on the other side of the roses. Flajnik is co-owner and winemaker at Envolve Winery. On this week's season debut, Flajnik met 25 suitorettes (and one grandmother on crutches). It wasn't hard to start to whittling down the competition—having multiple personalities and attempting to make out with your fellow suitorettes are good signs you won't be long for the show. Flajnik clearly took a shine to beautiful 28-year-old Arizona model **Courtney**, while Unfiltered hometown favorite blogger **Jenna** from New York narrowly avoided a complete emotional breakdown. **Lindzi C.**, the 27-year-old businesswoman from Seattle, received the coveted "first impression" rose. But Unfiltered's prediction for the future Mrs. Flajnik is **Nicki**, the 26-year-old dental hygienist from Texas. We'll keep you updated as the season progresses to see if we have any potential as matchmaker to the winemaking stars.