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## Unfiltered

***Sipping Spanish wines at Fashion Week, Gordon Ramsay gets burned, Gladys Knight sings for Staglin's good cause, quaffing wine contaminants at Copia and Nick Lachey moves beyond Chicken of the Sea***

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• It's that time of year again, when the oh-so-fabulous return to New York—from their 51 weeks of vacation on some Mediterranean island—for Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. Why, you might ask, was the so tragically unfashionable Unfiltered invited? Same reason as [last year](#). The wine producers of Rioja were among the sponsors, trying to inject a little taste in the one place its levels rise and fall so dramatically: inside the exclusive tents erected in Bryant Park. Strikingly tall models—all of whom Unfiltered is convinced were on stilts—dressed in the colors of the Vibrant Rioja campaign, offered Fashion Week attendees sips of different red and white Riojas each day ([Sierra Cantabria](#) on the night Unfiltered was invited), with full-size pours over at the bar. Among the celebrities spotted by Unfiltered throughout the evening included **Tim Gunn** of Bravo's *Project Runway*, **Ivana Trump**, hotel queen **Kathy Hilton** and *Top Chef* host **Padma Lakshmi**, wearing what looked like two yellow Post-It notes sewn together and held up, barely, by two pieces of spaghetti. Come to think of it, perhaps it actually *was* spaghetti. Snacks can be hard to come by around all those models.



*The Rioja models probably could have sold us on wines from East Rutherford.*