



LILIA PÉREZ

Lilia Pérez is RGNy’s resident Winemaker. Born in Sacramento California to Mexican-citizens, the family moved back to their native country following her Father’s graduation from UC Davis when she was only two. Serving as Lilia’s biggest influence, her Father—a Doctoral Agronomist—was who would foster her love for agricultural production by instilling in his daughter his passion for wine and winemaking.

Lilia began her career at the Mexican Wine Council where she first gained her hands-on, field experience. After two-and-a-half years with the Council, learning both the commercial and production aspects of the business, she received her Diploma in Viniculture from UC Davis.

In 2013, Lilia was hired as a Rivero González Brand Manager, promoting and positioning the heritage

brand in Mexico City and the surrounding territories. After two years Lilia’s thirst for knowledge led her to Bordeaux, on behalf of the RG brand, where she would receive a Master’s of Business and Science In Vineyard & Winery Management. In addition to her studies, she worked with many of the Grand Cru Classés Châteaux—learning premium winemaking practices with a focus on quality.

In 2018, Lilia was tapped to help the Rivero González family launch the brand’s expansion into New York as its lead winemaker—her first experience in this prominent position. Once at the helm, and alongside the Rivero González Family, they worked side-by-side to implant the core values of their Mexican operation here in the states: researching the North Fork area, reducing the quantity of wines produced in favor of quality, establishing sustainability best practices, and institutionalizing minimal intervention processes.

RGNy created its first batch in 2018, with that year’s Scielo Chardonnay and RGNy Viognier achieving award-winning honors at the NY Wine and Food Classic; cementing Lilia’s status as one of the area’s only Mexican female winemakers and RGNy’s arrival on the North Fork.

