

## Women & Wine

Wine Enthusiast profiles six women in the industry who prove that the grape game isn't just for the boys.

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### **The Winemaker: Bibiana González Rave, Pahlmeyer, Sonoma Coast, California**

A native of Colombia specializing in Burgundian varietals, Bibiana learned the art of winemaking while studying in France—and has brought this deep understanding of viticulture with her to Pahlmeyer as consulting winemaker.



#### **Ah-Ha Wine Moment:**

“In 2001, I had my first serious winemaking internship. I was able to get jobs at Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier and Domaine Cluser-Roch...I felt like the luckiest person in the world. What I didn't know was that only men performed some of the vineyard tasks...I asked Stéphane Ogier to allow me do all the work. After a few months—and many painkillers—I felt an indescribable connection with the vines and realized that my dream to make wine was a reality.”

#### **Standout Moment:**

“While studying at the University of Bordeaux, I became obsessed with the influence of oxygen on winemaking. The preeminent researcher in the field and the dean of the university mentioned that Château Haut-Brion was doing this type of research, but during my interview, the director informed me that the study was to be on

millérandage rather than oxygen. I almost walked out. Fortunately, I took the job. Looking back, I couldn't imagine my life without the experience of working there.”