



FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

City Saucery

Staten Island, NY

Nonna Carolina was born and raised in Calabria, the southernmost and spiciest region of Italy. She was raised to understand that “simple, fresh ingredients are the best base for any dish you want to cook.”

it's impossible to talk with Nonna Carolina and not get hungry. Her love of food is contagious. She grew up on a farm in Italy and spent days in the kitchen with her grandmother – her nonna. Carolina was “mesmerized to see how she would cook and how delicious her food would be.”

Today the recipes of City Saucery, the company she founded with her son and son-in-law, are from her grandmother, “but then, of course, I put my own little twist on them.” Nonna's Smoky Sauce, for example, is an eggplant sauce recipe from generations ago, but it was Nonna Carolina who asked, “What if I smoked the eggplant?” Now, every weekend, City Saucery devotees line up at the farmers market for the answer to her question.

The market crowds have Nonna's son, Michael, and his partner, Jorge, to thank for bringing us her sauces. Both men are talented designers – Jorge in graphic design and Michael in furniture – who found themselves adrift during the recent economic recession and decided to start a food company based on Nonna's recipes.

Around the same time, Nonna began cooking at a local restaurant. Michael had the idea to begin photographing her work; to “document



“This is my son and my son-in-law. We've got a modern family business here.”

– Nonna Carolina

her genius mind in the kitchen,” as he describes it. He shared the footage online, and soon Nonna was asked to be on local TV to talk about her cooking. Her TV appearances lead to cooking classes, and her students went wild for her sauces. Michael then encouraged Nonna to jar her unique sauces, and City Saucery was born.

Today Michael explains, “These are not traditional Italian sauces by any means. But our method is traditional Italian – we source locally and cook with what we can find, when we can find it.” City Saucery uses 100% Jersey Fresh tomatoes, as well as ingredients from other local and regional farms.



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