

Justine Vanden Heuvel - BIO

Justine Vanden Heuvel is a Professor of Viticulture at Cornell University, where she has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Chair of Horticulture and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Viticulture and Enology. A graduate of the University of Guelph, she began her academic career as a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Amherst before joining Cornell in 2007.

Justine is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in viticulture research, driving innovations that improve the economic and environmental sustainability of winegrape production. Her extensive work on vineyard floor management has advanced practices to enhance soil health and sustainability, including the integration of grazing animals into vineyard ecosystems. Additionally, she leads collaborative efforts with engineering teams to develop cutting-edge digital technologies that optimize vineyard management, bringing transformative solutions to growers across the Northeastern U.S. and beyond.

Through her commitment to bridging academic research with industry needs, Justine has built impactful partnerships with growers, winemakers, industry organizations, nonprofits, and funding agencies. Her research leadership and practical insights have established her as a leading authority in viticulture, shaping the future of sustainable winegrape production on both a national and global scale.