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Thomas Henick-Kling promoted to full professor at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva

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GENEVA, NY: Thomas Henick-Kling has been promoted to full professor in the department of food science and technology at Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY.

"On behalf of the entire food science and technology community, we extend our congratulations to Dr. Henick-Kling on his promotion to full professor," said C.Y. Lee, chairman of the food science and technology department at Geneva. "Thomas is the principal leader of the enology program for both the Experiment Station and Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and has contributed significantly to the New York State and regional wine industry."

Lee pointed out that Henick-Kling has also done an outstanding job with outreach efforts to local and regional wine industries, helping them to grow and expand. "His leadership and driving force have made New York State's wine industry worth over $6.6 billion today," he said.

In the area of extension, Henick-Kling has made and strengthened contacts with research groups and leading winemakers in this country and internationally. The wine industry workshop, which is now in its 32nd year, has become one of the biggest wine technical conferences in the U.S. The workshop is recognized nationally and internationally for the high quality of presentations and the selection of topics. Henick-Kling is active in a number of national and international professional societies, and is a wine judge and reviewer for several scientific journals. He has also been invited to speak to international scientific and wine industry meetings in Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

"Thomas Henick-Kling has contributed greatly to the improvement in quality of New York wines through his research, educational outreach, and events like the Wine Industry Workshop," said Jim Trezise, president of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation. "In those ways, he is helping us reach our overall goal which is to have the New York grape and wine industry recognized as a world leader in quality, productivity, and social responsibility."

Since 1954, programs in enology and viticulture at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station have been instrumental in the growth of New York State's wine industry by providing leadership and introducing novel methods in wine production and grape cultivation.