

Lindsay's Vineyard Chronicles

What's been going on in the vineyard this week?

Wednesday June 7

Last Friday's booming afternoon thundershowers ushered in a cooler and wetter week than we've seen in some time. Rain, clouds, and cooler temps tend to slow things down a little bit in the vineyard, and a foot on the brake of the growth of some vines has been welcome.

The extent of the impact from last month's freeze is still revealing itself. As we watch the surviving primaries reaching past 12" stage, we're starting to see fresh secondary buds push on the same cane. Extended flower clusters next to new budbreak, something doesn't look right here! Hoping for a spell of hot dry weather soon so that some of the younger shoots can catch up, and we make it to harvest with some semblance of ripeness equilibrium.



Figure 1: storm clouds looming



Figure 2: freeze damage, budburst, and near-flowering on the same vine

Vineyard activities this week include weeding, shoot thinning, tying suckers, and mowing down goldenrods with the weedwhackers. All the while, we keep an eye on the vines. There's always something new to see this time of year – and surprises found under (or in) every leaf!

