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## Wine Country Bud Break 2019 Is Here

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Vineyards all over the Livermore Valley are bursting forth with the beauty of spring, and the first sign of life returning to dormant vines. Bud break is typically first seen in Chardonnay, that harbinger of spring, that promises us a golden reward come fall.

At **Wente Vineyards**, Niki Wente says, "We are seeing bud break mostly in Chardonnay and a few other varieties, but it's pretty scattered. Last year we were about two weeks later than average, this year is not quite as late but still about a week later than average. All pruning was finished before bud break. We purposefully prune varieties and blocks that are prone to early bud first."

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