

Domaine Lecointre

Anjou



Anjou Rouge “Avant-Garde” 2020

The Cuvée Avant-Garde bottling from Domaine Lecointre is made entirely from cabernet franc, with these two parcels farmed organically and fairly young by the estate’s standards, having been planted in 1997 and 2007 respectively. The 2020 Avant-Garde is a touch lower in octane than the Pineau d’Aunis this year, tipping the scales at an even thirteen percent and delivering a very lovely bouquet of black cherries, cassis, cigar wrapper, dark soil tones, juniper berries and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and nicely soil-driven in personality, with a good core, just a bit of tannin and a long, nicely balanced finish. Though this is made to be drunk young, to my palate, the 2020 version could still do with another year or two in the cellar, just to let the palate catch up with the lovely nose. 2023-2035.

88+ pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2022