

# DOMAINE DYCKERHOFF REUILLY BLANC



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Not to be confused with Rully (roo-yee) in Burgundy, Reilly (roo-oo-yee) is located at the eastern end of the Loire, just a stone's throw from Quincy. Reilly is a small town, and a small appellation, with only 370-500 acres under vine. Its wines have been among the most celebrated in France in centuries past. It shares the same geology as Sancerre. While it is less expensive than Sancerre, many would argue that the wines are of equal quality. It benefits from a very high lime content in the soil, and though hilly, the altitude is lower than Sancerre. Harvests are often a week or two earlier in Reilly than Sancerre. The age of the vines is from 3-20 years. They vinify at the Chai de Reilly, which is a co-operation cellar, rather than a co-operative. In other words, the growers share the facility, not grapes.

Christian and Benedicte Dyckerhoff run their small domaine of 15 acres in the countryside west of Bourges, about an hour west of Sancerre. They've only been making wine since 2004, but the results are fantastic. Crisp, nuanced and savory Sauvignon Blanc. Three grapes are allowed, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris for vin gris and Pinot noir for rose blends and red. The Dyckerhoffs grow all three, though Sauvignon is by far the most important. They make one wine from each grape. Should you ever have the chance to visit, you can cast a line in one of their trout ponds, as fish farming is their other line of business.

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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