DOMAINE DYCKERHOFF REUILLY 'PETIT GRIS' ROSÉ

100% Pinot Gris. Pale salmon color, fruity nose. Great length and freshness on the palate with flavors of wild strawberries, peach skin and minerals. Rich, pleasurable and easy to drink.

From a vineyard in Reuilly in the central Loire near Bourges. The soil in the vineyard is made up of clay, limestone and gravel. The vines are 10-years-old. Certified sustainable farming. Cool maceration and gentle pressing are followed by fermentation and aging in stainless steel, with an emphasis on preserving freshness and high-toned aromatics. The Pinot Gris Rosé stays in contact with its skins briefly, then is pressed directly and fermented.

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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