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## 2016 Champagne Roland Champion Blanc de Blancs Special Club Grand Cru

*France – Champagne - Chouilly*

### ABOUT CHAMPAGNE ROLAND CHAMPION

This small grower and member of Champagne's elite Special Club is located in the Grand Cru Village of Chouilly. The house was founded in 1929 by André Champion, who created his vineyard in the famous Cote des Blancs area of Chouilly, some of the best soils for the Chardonnay grape. André's untimely death left his son Roland (16 years old at the time) to take over, and Roland expanded the company by purchasing new land and giving his name to the family house of Champagne. Today the estate is run by Roland's son & winemaker François (3rd generation), with the help of his wife & children.

Champagne Roland Champion is classified as 'Recolant Manipulant', meaning they own their own vines, their own press and they do all vinification themselves. François farms 18 hectares spread over 40 different parcels. Wines are aged in their troglodytic chalk cellar, which maintains a constant temperature of 12 degrees Celsius. Production is around 7,000 cases.



### ABOUT THE WINE

Champagne's elite Special Club – known today as Club Trésors – began in 1971, when a dozen Champagne growers sought to familiarize people with the 'Champagne de Vigneron' (Champagne of wine grower) in prestigious vintages. Today the club comprises 28 artisan winemakers from the finest areas of Champagne, all Recolants-Manipulants. Each grower and their wines are held to strict standards. Special Club Champagne can only be made in the most outstanding vintage years.

100% Chardonnay; aged 5 years on laths. Champion's Special Club selection shows rich and structured aromas. Very pleasant with generous roundness, nice length in mouth. Golden color with buttery and fruity aromas. All the expression of a magnificent terroir for your most pleasurable moments.

### **RATING**

**92 PTS - BURGHOUND**