



2012 CHAMPAGNE ROLAND CHAMPION Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru, Vintage Brut 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. Andre'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

"Long aging on its lees has given this Chardonnay richness as well as good texture. With balance between minerality and white fruits, the wine has developed well, full of ripe flavors as well as final acidity. Drink now. –Roger VOSS"

- Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts

RATINGS

93 pts Wine Enthusiast – Editors' Choice

92pts I-Wine Review

Vintage	2012
Appellation	Champagne
Varietal(s)	100% Chardonnay
Vinification	Manual harvest; then pressing immediately to avoid oxidation & preserve quality. Free run juice only. Aged six years on the lees.
Soil	Chalk
ABV	12.5%
Size	12/750ml
UPC	7 84585 01027 1

Also available in 3L, 6L & 9L large format bottles