

# CHAMPAGNE SPECIAL CLUB

The Special Club concept started in 1971. A dozen wine growers from some old families of Champagne had an idea to familiarize people with the originality of the "Champagne de Vigneron" (Champagne of wine grower), thanks to prestigious vintages.

In the beginning, they created an association called the "Club des Viticulteurs Champenois" and chose a bottle with a special shape, created exclusively for them & used only by then. In 1988, they changed the bottle and the label. In 1999, the Club changed its name to "Club Trésor of Champagne."

The Club Trésors comprises 28 artisan wine makers, selected from the finest areas of the Champagne region, each one recognized for the quality of their work. The Club Trésors is the only organization in Champagne to select its members according to a set of unrelenting quality standards:

- Each wine maker must make their champagnes entirely in his, or her, own premises and cellars. Furthermore, the champagne must be made exclusively from grapes harvested in his, or her, own vineyards.
- Each wine maker is devoted to his work and passionately protects the quality and the unique character of his own terroir.
- The jury of oenologists and wine professionals who select the champagnes demand irreproachable quality in both the work in the vineyard and the wines.
- Each champagne is subject to two blind tastings (once at the still wine stage before bottling and again after 3 years ageing in bottle) by a panel of passionate and distinguished oenologists and wine makers. 4 years aging minimum is required.
- A Special Club champagne may only be made in outstanding vintage years.

There are 28 members in the Special Club:

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| • Champagne ROLAND CHAMPION         | • Champagne JUILLET-LALLEMENT       |
| • Champagne PAUL BARA               | • Champagne LARMANDIER PÈRE ET FILS |
| • Champagne CHARLIER ET FILS        | • Champagne J. LASSALLE             |
| • Champagne GASTON CHIQUET          | • Champagne PERTOIS MORISET         |
| • Champagne DUMÉNIL                 | • Champagne JOSEPH LORIOT-PAGEL     |
| • Champagne FORGET-CHEMIN           | • Champagne A. MARGAINE             |
| • Champagne FRESNET-JUILLET         | • Champagne RÉMY MASSIN ET FILS     |
| • Champagne PIERRE GIMONNET ET FILS | • Champagne JOSÉ MICHEL ET FILS     |
| • Champagne J.M. GOULARD            | • Champagne MOUSSÉ ET FILS          |
| • Champagne HENRI GOUTORBE          | • Champagne NOMINÉ-RENARD           |
| • Champagne GRONGNET                | • Champagne SALMON                  |
| • Champagne MARC HÉBRART            | • Champagne SANCHEZ-LE GUÉDARD      |
| • Champagne HERVIEUX DUMEZ          | • Champagne VAZART-COQUART ET FILS  |
| • Champagne VINCENT JOUDART         | • Champagne LAUNOIS ET FILS         |

