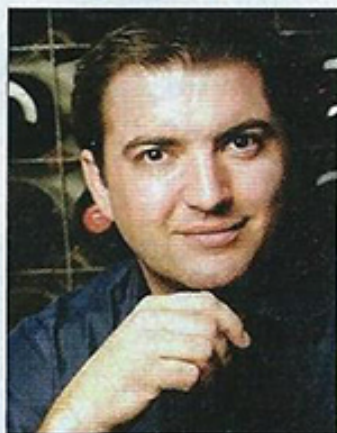


Wine of the week: a dreamboat rosé with beguiling depths



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2013 Château de Sours Rosé, Bordeaux, France (prices from £8.15 to £110, Private Cellar, 01353-721999, www.privatecellar.co.uk).

Did you double-take when you saw the price spread above? I hope so! I was the first person in the UK to taste a bottled sample of this heroic rosé and here is a crazy, shopping-list-style column explaining the various deals

that you can take advantage of if you pick up the phone before 2 March to place an order using the following 'early-bird' prices. After this date the price will rise – not least because the Budget on 19 March includes the Chancellor's dreaded Duty Escalator. I reckon that a single bottle will end up being around the £11.25 mark.

The 2013 vintage of de Sours Rosé is a dreamboat, with the merlot and cabernet grapes giving their most ravishing red-fruit notes to date. The perfume and tenderness permeates the senses and grabs hold of your soul.

At only 12.5% alcohol by volume, it is refreshing and uplifting, but there are beguiling depths here, too. Prices start at £8.15 a bottle for a ten-case-plus order, rising to £8.80 if you order one to four cases. Six magnums are £108, a double magnum (300cl) £60, and an imperial (600cl) £110. You're spoilt for choice!

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