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Think pink - a bumper crop of rosé this year

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Rosé doesn't have to just be friendly. Its intellectual side can be as rewarding as a nuanced red. These will offer a more subtle pleasure all through the year - especially with the complex flavors of sushi or Thai cuisine.

2012 Chateau de Sours Bordeaux Rosé (\$18, 12.5%): A Merlot-Franc mix from this promising property in the Entre-Deux-Mers area, popular in the U.K. but newly introduced here. Classic Bordeaux rosé - a touch green in a pleasant herbal way, showing great apricot skin and coriander aspects. (Importer: Old Bridge Cellars)

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