

Wine of the week: the most thrilling rosé of the year



by **Matthew Jukes**

2011 Château de Sours Rosé, Bordeaux, France. A special, pre-Budget price of £8.50, with free delivery and further discounts for large orders, is available until 2 March from Private Cellar, 01353-721999; Goedhuis & Co, 020-7793 7900; Bon Coeur Fine Wines, 020-7622 5244.

Martin Krajewski continues to lavish a lot of love and money on this stunning property in Saint-Quentin-de-Baron and, with a state-of-the-art winery now up and running, the wines have all benefitted from yet another nudge up the quality scale. It's hard to believe that there is any room for improvement here, but to be the best you have to tinker and finesse every year, and they do. In 2011, a 'difficult' vintage, they have selected only the finest parcels of grapes to go into this celestial rosé. This 70%

merlot/30% cabernet franc blend is the most distinguished and elegant to date. Dare I say it, there is more than a touch of Provençal elegance in this Bordeaux rosé and I am not just referring to the shockingly arresting pale pink hue. The beautiful fruit and persistence on the palate are both exceptional, too. With the budget bound to punish wine duty yet again, take advantage of this early-bird offer and place your summer rosé orders today. De Sours is set to be one of the best value and most thrillingly exciting rosés of the year.

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