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CHAT to Martin Krajewski, *below*, and you may end up a little confused as to whether the future of wine is looking rose — or red. Either way, he'll still be smiling. As owner of Chateau de Sours in Bordeaux and co-owner of premium McLaren Vale shiraz producer Songlines, Krajewski has a foot in both camps. In Brisbane last week for a tasting with distributor Haviland Wine Merchants, his visit followed news that in France sales of rose have now overtaken sales of white wine. "It's great news — but in a way it's bad," says Krajewski. "Because now they'll all start making it." Rose was once seen as a bit of a joke but statistics show that it now accounts for one out of every five bottles sold in France and a hot summer could bump the amount drunk to more than 50 per cent of all bottles sold. Krajewski launched the Chateau de Sours wines here last year aiming to sell about 200 cases of the rose (which was once dubbed "possibly the best rose in the world" by Auberon Waugh). He ended up selling five times that amount. You can sample the 2007 vintage at the likes of Era Bistro, The Regatta and Vinos.

