

**Ch Civrac 2007 Côtes de Bourg** 15.5 Drink 2008-10

Barrel sample. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec.

Quite deep, greyish crimson. Slightly peppery and herbaceous on the nose – smells very fresh and somehow summery. Some capsicum notes. Fresh and a little bit green on the palate but in an attractive rather than unripe way. Smooth and fresh, lightish but not short on the finish.

% (JH)

**Ch Civrac 2006 Côtes de Bourg** 16+ Drink 2009-12

13% (JH)

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, aged in new oak. Darker and richer looking than the 2007. Still showing bright black cherry at the rim. Restrained, slightly peppery, lightly spiced dark fruit with a minerally edge. Fine grained and fresh and good length. Still showing an attractive firmness in the mouth, suggesting it would be good with food. Nicely balanced and showing firm, fresh Côte de Bourg character.

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