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[Earthy Madiran: Domaine du Crampilh Vieilles Vignes 2009](#)

This wine is made from 100% tannat, and is from the home of that grape in Madiran, in the south west of France. If you are wary of *faux amis* in French, happily tannat based wines tend to be quite tannic, and can show very well.



This particular wine, a Madiran from Domaine du Crampilh, has a medium to pronounced intensity purple in colour in the glass, suggesting a ripeness that the warm 2009 vintage brought to most of France, and nearby Bordeaux in particular. Its aroma is developing and has rustic expressions of clove, blackberry, earth, plum skins and some animal notes. Its palate is dry, with medium acid and ripe and chalky tannins, with blackberries, earth, cloves and plums skins carrying through to the palate. This is a good wine that presented well due to its balance, some complexity in expression of its flavours and quite good length, and I expect will keep and improve for at least five years, and be drinking well for longer. **Good**

Abv: 13.5%

Price: \$38.90

Source: sample