

# Wines of the future

## 2002 CAPE GRACE

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$35

Keen to challenge the established superstars, the next generation of Margaret River cabernets is hovering in the wings: Suckfizzle, Howard Park "Leston", Devil's Lair, Gralyn, Voyager and Lenton Brae. While the volume of production at Cape Grace is minuscule, its cabernet sauvignon has amazing richness, concentration and velvety texture. As the vines are only seven years old, this must, indeed, be a special site. – PF



## 2001 CASTAGNA GENESIS SYRAH \$48

At their biodynamic vineyard near Beechworth, Victoria, Julian and Carolann Castagna produce one of Australia's best rosés (from shiraz fruit), as well as an exceptional sangiovese. But the star in their portfolio is a Northern Rhône-inspired syrah (shiraz) named Genesis, now in its fourth vintage. It is aromatic and complex with great texture and intensity of flavour – and the 2002 (due out next March) is the best yet. – CC



## 2003 CHARLES MELTON

### ROSE OF VIRGINIA \$19.95

The height of summer is a distressing time for the red wine devotee. Mid-afternoon, rosé is the only solution, and it's poised to take off. Sadly, there are too few good examples around, many compensating for lack of aroma and flavour with too much residual sugar. Charlie Melton, however, takes his rosé seriously. With dry-grown vineyards dedicated solely to the task, the result is a boisterous crimson pink that's not shy on flavour. – SO



## 2002 CILLAR DE SILOS,

### RIBERA DEL DUERO \$30

While there are only a few on the market to date, Australian tempranillos will soon be the business. The vines are in the ground; it's just a matter of when. Meantime, get yourself acquainted with this elegant, deliciously savoury wine by grabbing a decent Spanish example. Why Spain? Because it is the traditional home of tempranillo, and Cillar de Silos makes a modern fleshy fruit-driven style to which we can easily relate. – SO



## 2002 CLONAKILLA

### SHIRAZ VIOGNIER \$55

Tim Kirk is an intelligent and thoughtful wine-maker producing some outstanding wines at Murrumbateman, near Canberra, including Australia's benchmark shiraz-viognier blend. While the 2001 swept all before it, the 2002 is every bit as good, with the 6% viognier adding considerably to the aromatics. The wine exhibits great structure, palate complexity and a long savoury finish, underpinned by exceptionally fine-grained tannins. – CC

