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■ **Sandalford Element Cabernet Sauvignon, 2008**

THERE'S a lot of bang for your buck here. The Element range is all about over-delivering on value – and this does it in bucket-loads. Margaret River is renowned for its top range cabernets, but some of the budget-priced stuff is ridiculously good, too. This is outstanding value. \$14



■ **Aja, 2008**

IT'S pronounced with a soft "j" – as in Asia – which is the key: it's a wine made specifically to go with Asian food. It's an unusual blend – Verdelho, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc – although it doesn't say that anywhere on the label. It's nice enough on its own, but certainly moved up a notch with food. Equal top wine on the night. See what you think. \$20.



■ **Logan Gewurtztraminer, 2009**

IF you're looking for something a bit different for the hotter months, this fragrant white from Orange should tick all the boxes. It's a German varietal that has taken a real liking to some of Australia's cooler climates. This has an intense musk stick and floral bouquet, and a delicate palate of sweet apple, green banana, passionfruit and spicy cinnamon. Best with Asian food. \$17.



– RICK ALLEN