

importing video either analogue or digital into your PC. A large hard drive is necessary since video, and especially high quality video takes up a lot of space. Together with the hardware you will have received bundled software as part of the deal. Essentially the software will allow you to do DVD authoring and will convert the video footage to MPEG-2. This conversion however takes time – a two hour production could take overnight to render, and finally writing from the hard drive to the blank DVD disc also takes time. Professional software can cut these times considerably so look before you buy!

DVD authoring is the ability to create a structure or menu for your final product on DVD. Most DVDs that you purchase or rent have a menu where you can choose to play the movie or, for instance, see interviews with the actors or choose to see how the stunts were performed. These are known as titles, and can be divided into chapters for quick access. Software provided with the DVD drive will allow you to do such authoring.

#### **STAND-ALONE VIDEO EDITING SYSTEM / INTEGRATED DVD RECORDER**

#### **CASABLANCA KRON**



standard, providing approximately 780 minutes running time in DV quality.

Since Casablanca works with MPEG-2 compression, video footage can be rendered to write to DVD much faster than many PC-based systems. Casablanca Kron comes standard with an integrated Pioneer DVD writer using the DVD-R and -RW discs. Casablanca offers a very easy to use

commercially, your client will not be impressed if the disc coughs and splutters during playback!

Keeping up to date with technology is like a surfer looking for the perfect wave. The wave to be on at the moment is digital, with recordable DVD being an exciting part thereof. The advantages of digital over analogue are obvious.



Casablanca Kron is a stand-alone non-linear video editing system incorporating an integrated DVD recorder. The Professional Casablanca Kron is capable of editing video – either analogue or digital. The system includes Blue Box, Realtime effects, native (uncompressed DV), and MPEG-2 compression, 10 project folders, 6 audio tracks, audio-scrub, multi-layering, project clipboard and DV in and out, including firewire and more. An 80 GB hard drive is

software authoring package called DVD Arabesk. Casablanca Prestige, due for release at the end of 2002, will feature real time conversion, i.e. no rendering time from video to MPEG-2 to DVD! This real time software may shortly be available for Casablanca Kron.

#### **THE BOTTOM LINE**

The most important thing to check is how compatible the VCD or DVD disc is that you have just produced. If you are doing this

As this is new technology, be careful before you leap, because this is a highly specialised field. Hopefully you will discover a sales person who talks sense and who can give you a good general overview of the entire process of recording video onto disc. The Internet is an excellent source of information since it is generally up to date. Do your homework well and talk to various people about your requirements before making a purchase.