



# Olives maintain good oil

LARA-BASED Modern Olives Laboratory Services has successfully maintained its accreditation with the most prestigious and challenging certification programs in the world.

Modern Olives is the largest specialist olive nursery and leading technical and advisory company in Australia, covering all aspects related with project development, technical advice and applied research.

The programs the company has maintained accreditation with include ISO 17025 certified by National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA), International Olive Council (IOC) recognition, American Oil Chemists Society (AOCS) Proficiency Program for olive oil and Australian Olive Association (AOA) approved laboratory for its Code of Practice.

The establishment of the lab-



**Leandro Ravetti, of Modern Olives**

oratory in 2006 was an important step in the company's endeavour to offer the best possible technical advice, according to Leandro Ravetti, technical director of Modern Olives.

“Our objective is not only to provide complete and certified analytical results, but also to work together with growers and associations in applied research projects trying to solve their specific needs with an integrated approach,” Mr Ravetti said.

Modern Olives Laboratory Services is currently conducting leading research on a number of areas of oil chemistry such as phenolic profile of olive oil, new analytical methods to evaluate oil authenticity and quality, sterol profile of olive oil, and supermarket studies.

Claudia Guillaume, who manages the laboratory, said the entire laboratory team was very excited to receive NATA, IOC, AOA and AOCS accreditations for their compliance with their quality programs.