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Say 'cheers' to the new beverages entering the market.



## MEDITERRANEAN WINEMAKING PASSION BROUGHT TO THE HUNTER VALLEY

The decision to produce Mount Eyre 2008 Neptune by the tank-fermented charmat process was a conscious one based on wine style and quality rather than cost of production.

"Neptune is based principally on semillon, with only about 30 per cent chardonnay, rather than principally on chardonnay and pinot noir. We've always felt that the delicate flavours semillon could be too easily overwhelmed by the traditional in-bottle process and the yeasty flavours that come with it," Dr Aniello Iannuzzi said, who manages the business on a day-to-day basis. **Q**