Claims

[Claim 1] A coffee beverage, comprising the following components (A) and (B):

(A) acetylmethylpyrrole at a content of less than 0.06 ppm by mass; and

(B) a dicaffeoylquinic acid,

wherein a mass ratio of the component (A) to the component (B), [(A)/(B)], is 0.00055 or less, and a content of the component (B) in the coffee beverage is from 80 to 300 ppm by mass.

[Claim 2] The coffee beverage according to claim 1, further comprising caffeine as a component (C), wherein a content of the component (C) in the coffee beverage is from 0.005 to 0.15% by mass.

[Claim 3] The coffee beverage according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a chlorogenic acid as a component (D), wherein a content of the component (D) in the coffee beverage is from 0.01 to 2% by mass.

[Claim 4] The coffee beverage according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the coffee beverage has a Brix of from 0.8 to 3.0.

[Claim 5] The coffee beverage according to any one of claims 1 to 4, which is a packaged coffee beverage.

[Claim 6] A soluble coffee, comprising the following components (A) and (B):

(A) acetylmethylpyrrole at a content of less than 3 ppm by mass in dry solids; and

(B) a dicaffeoylquinic acid,

wherein a mass ratio of the component (A) to the component (B), [(A)/(B)], is 0.00055 or less, and a content of the component (B) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 0.08% by mass or more.

[Claim 7] The soluble coffee according to claim 6, wherein a content of the dry solids is from 10 to 100% by mass.

[Claim 8] The soluble coffee according to claim 6 or 7, further comprising caffeine as a component (C), wherein a content of the component (C) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 0.05 to 4.5% by mass.

[Claim 9] The soluble coffee according to any one of claims 6 to 8, further comprising a chlorogenic acid as a component (D), wherein a content of the component (D) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 1.5 to 30% by mass.

[Claim 10] The soluble coffee according to any one of claims 6 to 9, wherein The a mass ratio of the component (B) to the component (D), [(B)/(D)], is from 0.083 to 0.2.

[Claim 11] A method of reducing coarseness of a coffee beverage, comprising adjusting a content of acetylmethylpyrrole as a component (A) in a coffee beverage to less than 0.1 ppm by mass.

[Claim 12] A method of improving retronasal aroma of a coffee beverage, comprising adjusting a content of acetylmethylpyrrole as a component (A) in a coffee beverage to less than 0.1 ppm by mass.

[Claim 13] The method according to claim 11 or 12, further comprising adjusting a mass ratio of the acetylmethylpyrrole as the component (A) to a dicaffeoylquinic acid as a component (B), [(A)/(B)], in the coffee beverage to 0.00055 or less.

[Claim 14] The method according to any one of claims 11 to 13, further comprising adjusting a content of caffeine as a component (C) in the coffee beverage to from 0.005 to 0.15% by mass.

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[Claim 1] A coffee beverage, comprising the following components (A) (B) and (D):

(A) acetylmethylpyrrole at a content of 0.06 ppm by mass or less;

(B) a dicaffeoylquinic acid at a content of from 30 to 300 ppm by mass, and

(D) a chlorogenic acid at a content of from 0.01 to 2% by mass,

wherein a mass ratio of the component (A) to the component (B), [(A)/(B)], is 0.00055 or less, and

wherein a mass ratio of the component (B) to the component (D), [(B)/(D)], is from 0.04 to 0.2.

[Claim 2] The coffee beverage according to claim 1, further comprising caffeine as a component (C), wherein a content of the component (C) in the coffee beverage is from 0.005 to 0.15% by mass.

[Claim 3] The coffee beverage according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a content of the component (D) in the coffee beverage is from 0.05 to 1% by mass.

[Claim 4] The coffee beverage according to claim 3, wherein the mass ratio of the component (B) to the component (D), [(B)/(D)], is from 0.05 to 0.18.

[Claim 5] The coffee beverage according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a content of the component (A) in the coffee beverage is from 0.0001 to 0.06 ppm by mass.

[Claim 6] The coffee beverage according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the coffee beverage has a Brix of from 0.8 to 3.0.

[Claim 7] The coffee beverage according to any one of claims 1 to 6, which is a packaged coffee beverage.

[Claim 8] A soluble coffee, comprising the following components (A), (B) and (D):

(A) acetylmethylpyrrole at a content of from 0.001 to 1.8 ppm by mass in dry solids,

(B) a dicaffeoylquinic acid at a content of from 0.03 to 0.9% by mass in dry solids, and

(D) a chlorogenic acid at a content of from 0.1 to 60% by mass in dry solids,

wherein a mass ratio of the component (A) to the component (B), [(A)/(B)], is 0.00055 or less,

wherein a mass ratio of the component (B) to the component (D), [(B)/(D)], is from 0.04 to 0.2, and

wherein a content of the dry solids is from 10 to 100% by mass.

[Claim 9] The soluble coffee according to claim 8, wherein a content of the dry solids is from 20 to 99.9% by mass.

[Claim 10] The soluble coffee according to claim 8 or 9, wherein a content of the component (B) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 0.05 to 0.75% by mass.

[Claim 11] The soluble coffee according to any one of claims 8 to 10, further comprising caffeine as a component (C), wherein a content of the component (C) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 0.05 to 4.5% by mass.

[Claim 12] The soluble coffee according to any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein a content of the component (D) in the dry solids of the soluble coffee is from 0.5 to 30% by mass.

[Claim 13] The soluble coffee according to claim 12, wherein the mass ratio of the component (B) to the component (D), [(B)/(D)], is from 0.05 to 0.18.