

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for producing a soy sauce *koji* having a reduced *Busho-shu* which is one of the unpleasant smells of soy sauce, and a soy sauce *koji* having a reduced *Busho-shu* obtained by this production process. Specifically, the process for producing a soy sauce *koji* is characterized by using a combination of a *koji* mold having a high isobutyric acid productivity and another *koji* mold having a low isobutyric acid productivity. The present invention also relates to a process for producing a soy sauce having a reduced *Busho-shu* and a soy sauce obtained by this production process.