[Patent Document 1]

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[Summary of Invention]

[Technical Problem]

[0005]

A technique disclosed in Patent Document 1 is intended to bring the color and aroma of the fermented malt beverage close to color and aroma of lager type beer by controlling the chromaticity and the content of 3-deoxyglucosone within predetermined ranges (paragraph 0036 of Patent Document 1).

[0006]

The present inventors have studied production of the beer-taste beverage having red color rather than the color of the lager type beer as disclosed in Patent Document 1, and conducted tests on a large number of samples under various conditions such as raw materials. During the tests, the present inventors found a problem that as a degree of red color of the beer-taste beverage increases, "sharpness of nodogoshi" is reduced.

[0007]

Therefore, embodiments of the present invention seek to provide a beer-taste beverage having sharp "nodogoshi", a method for producing the beer-taste beverage, and a method for improving "nodogoshi" of the beer-taste beverage.

[Solution to Problem]

[0008]

The above problems can be solved by the following means.

(1) A beer-taste beverage, wherein an a* value in an L*a*b* color system is 1.0 or more, and a bitterness unit is 25 or more.

(2) The beer-taste beverage according to the above (1), wherein the a* value is 8.0 or more.

(3) The beer-taste beverage according to the above (2), wherein the a* value is 10.0 or more.

(4) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (3), wherein the a* value is 50.0 or less.

(5) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (4), wherein the bitterness unit is 28 or more.

(6) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (5), wherein the bitterness unit is 200 or less.

(7) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (6), wherein an L* value is 50.0 or more and 90.0 or less, and a b* value is 50.0 or more and 90.0 or less.

(8) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (7), wherein no colorant is contained therein.

(9) The beer-taste beverage according to any one of the above (1) to (8), wherein a malt ratio is 50 mass% or more.

(10) A beer-taste beverage, wherein an a* value in an L*a*b* color system is 10.0 or more and 25.0 or less, a bitterness unit is 33 or more and 200 or less, an L* value is 50.0 or more and 90.0 or less, a b* value is 50.0 or more and 90.0 or less, no colorant is contained therein, and a malt ratio is 50 mass% or more.

(11) A method for producing a beer-taste beverage, wherein the beer-taste beverage is produced so that an a* value in an L*a*b* color system is 1.0 or more, and a bitterness unit is 25 or more.

(12) A method for improving "nodogoshi" of a beer-taste beverage, wherein the beer-taste beverage is prepared so that an a* value in an L*a*b* color system is 1.0 or more, and a bitterness unit is 25 or more.

[Advantageous Effects of Invention]

[0009]

The beer-taste beverage according to embodiments of the present invention is a beer-taste beverage

having sharp "nodogoshi".

[0010]

By a method for producing the beer-taste beverage according to embodiments of the present invention, it is possible to produce the beer-taste beverage having sharp "nodogoshi".

[0011]

By a method for improving "nodogoshi" of the beer-taste beverage according to embodiments of the present invention, it is possible to make "nodogoshi" of the beer-taste beverage sharp.

[Brief Description of Drawings]

[0012]

FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a method for producing a beer-taste beverage according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 2 is a graph describing a difference between "sharpness of nodogoshi" and "kire" (sharpness) of the beer-taste beverage according to the embodiment of the present invention.

[Description of Embodiments]

[0013]

Hereinafter, embodiments of a beer-taste beverage according to the present invention, a method for producing the beer-taste beverage, and a method for improving "nodogoshi" of the beer-taste beverage will be described.

[0014]

[Beer-taste beverage]

The beer-taste beverage according to the present invention has an a* value in an L*a*b* color system equal to or more than a predetermined value and a bitterness unit equal to or more than a predetermined value. Here, the beer-taste beverage means a beverage having a beer-like taste, that is, a beverage giving drinkers a feeling as if drinking beer. The beer-taste beverage includes a beverage (also referred to as a beer-taste non-alcoholic beverage, a non-alcoholic