CLAIMS

1. A method for producing a tea aroma composition, the method comprising the steps of:

heating tea leaves at 35 - 80 °C, wherein the tea leaves are soaked in water;

treating the heated tea leaves by steam distillation to collect a distillate; and

subjecting the obtained distillate to distillative concentration.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the distillative concentration is atmospheric distillative concentration or vacuum distillative concentration.

3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the distillative concentration step involves a salting-out treatment.