

Abstract

There has been a demand for development of a novel method to increase the sweetness of a beverage containing a sweetener. One aspect of the present invention provides a beverage that contains (a) a high intensity sweetener in an amount equivalent to sweetness intensity X_1 and (b) an amino acid or a derivative or salt thereof in an amount of less than a taste perception threshold value, that has a sweetness corresponding to sweetness intensity X_3 derived from the components (a) and (b), that satisfies $0.1 < X_1 < X_3$, and that is one selected from effervescent beverages and flavored waters.