

MILK-CONTAINING BEVERAGE PRODUCTION METHOD

Abstract

Provided is a method of producing a milk-containing beverage, in which the dissolved oxygen concentration of the milk-containing beverage is greatly reduced, and foaming of raw material milk occurring in the production process can be effectively suppressed. The method of producing a milk-containing beverage includes: (A) a first oxygen concentration reduction step including subjecting raw material milk to inert gas treatment with a supply method and supply conditions for the inert gas treatment being controlled so that the raw material milk has a foam ratio of 10% or less, and then discharging the raw material milk to obtain raw material milk having a reduced dissolved oxygen concentration; (B) a second oxygen concentration reduction step of subjecting the raw material milk obtained in the step (A) to inert gas treatment with a supply method and supply conditions for the inert gas treatment being controlled so that the raw material milk has a foam ratio of 10% or less, to thereby obtain raw material milk having a reduced dissolved oxygen concentration; and (C) a heat pasteurization step of heat-pasteurizing the raw material milk obtained in the step (B).