

Abstract

The present invention provides: coffee beans richer in 2-phenylethanol, which has an influence on coffee flavor, than conventional ones; and a method for producing such coffee beans. An aspect of the present invention provides coffee beans containing at least 9 ppm of 2-phenylethanol. Another aspect of the present invention provides a method for producing coffee beans containing at least 9 ppm of 2-phenylethanol, comprising a step (i) of adding to raw material beans a yeast, and at least 0.01 g of phenylalanine per 1 kg of the raw material beans, in which the raw material beans are coffee cherries, wet parchment obtained by removing outer skin and pulp of coffee cherries, unroasted coffee beans, or a combination of at least two thereof; and a step (ii) of fermenting the raw material beans with the yeast and phenylalanine added.