

Preparation of a Fermented Beverage from Jaboticaba Fruit (*Myrciaria cauliflora*) and Characterization for Its ...

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ABSTRACT

Jaboticaba was used as the raw material in this study. Yeast, acetic acid bacteria, and lactic acid bacteria were individually inoculated to the fruit pulp for the first stage fermentation. After removing particles by pressing, the obtained mash starters were individually mixed with equal weight of jaboticaba pulp and adjusted to 65°Brix with sugar for the second stage fermentation. Functionality of the four fermented beverages (including the control group) was investigated and compared to several so called “ enzymatic beverage ” products placed on the market. First stage fermentation by adding biological species promoted antioxidative abilities of the products. The product prepared by adding yeast showed the highest in total phenol content and antioxidative ability (except ferrous chelating). On the other hand, the product prepared by adding lactic acid bacteria had the most consumer acceptability among the products. Various market enzymatic products were divided into three groups according to their prices. The claimed enzymatic activity was related to the content of total phenol rather than their prices. The prepared products via first stage fermentation showed higher total phenol content, scavenging effect on DPPH radical and reducing activity. In addition, only 1,300 CFU/ml in total counts existed in a self-prepared beverage made from vegetable and fruit by fermenting for 5 years. Pasteurization by heating at 60-100 °C for 10-60 min resulted in decrease in total counts, but increase in “ a value ” and “ b value ” of appearance color. The promotion on total phenol content and antioxidative ability by heating was an unexpected effect.

Keywords : Jaboticaba、 Fermented beverage、 Functionality、 Thermal effect

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