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[57] ABSTRACT

A composition and method for mineralizing and enhancing the flavor of brewed beverages such as coffee and tea is disclosed wherein a finely divided mineral, a coloring agent such as powdered caramel, and a particulate beverage base such as ground coffee are combined to form an admixture. The admixture is placed on a filter and hot water is added. A portion of the finely divided mineral is dissolved in the hot water and passes through the filter along with the water soluble beverage ingredients. A small amount of the mineral solids also pass through the filter into the brewed beverage. A major portion of the mineral solids are retained on the filter surface, thereby retarding the brewing process and enhancing the extraction of flavoring ingredients from the particulate beverage base. The minerals added during the brewing process approximate those formed in fresh spring water and enhance the flavor of the brewed beverage.

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