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This paper offers an interpretation of Aristotle’s account of basic perceptual discrimination as given in his *On the Soul* II.11, 424<sup>a</sup>2–10. Basic perceptual discrimination is the simplest cognitive achievement of animals at the point at which they differ minimally from plants on the *scala naturae*. I will argue that, for Aristotle, the discrimination of single perceptible qualities like, e.g., a particular ‘red’, ‘sweet’, ‘hot’ is to a large extent – but not entirely – a causal process that results in the production of phenomenal content in the organism. I will also discuss the role of the soul in that process and ask for an Aristotelian account of basic perceptual awareness.