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Making Our Own Gourmet Gift Basket for \$100 or Less

Any really good gourmet basket (in my opinion) should have things in it that don't necessarily have to be immediately refrigerated and that also includes something to drink as well. What came as such as shock to us this year was the fact that some of these items can be found at locally at organic or better supermarkets (so we can buy them again for ourselves when it's not the holidays).



Into this basket went first [Reed's Ginger Beer](#) Champagne style bottles (no alcohol) at 2/\$5.00, we could put one in the basket (the label is very festive) and keep one for ourselves. We loved it chilled and also added a bit of it to create a holiday vodka drink (not sure that was their intention). Next to go in were several bags – we're now addicted to all three flavors – of [Sahale Snacks](#) Glazed Nuts. Available later this year through Harry & David,

Amazon and also at Whole Foods, the discounted price was 6/4.0 oz packs for \$26.46 – we used the Almond PB&J and the Cashews with Pomegranate and Vanilla.

Next into the basket, some fabulous dried sausage and a wedge of their infamous parmigiano from [DiPalo Selects](#) in Little Italy in NYC. Not that you can't find delicious Italian food products here but their authentic selection is not to be missed. We didn't know they have been getting rave reviews so some of their items may be sold out but even a gift certificate from this store would be a treat. People interested in spending their whole \$100 here will find great values and a broad selection to please their palate.

Finally, we may be pushing it a bit but we fell in love with the [DeBrand Chocolate](#) from Ft. Wayne, IN. If you're passing through the Ft. Wayne airport this season they have a store there too.