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BEST SPRING ROLL

Chung's Shrimp Spring Rolls

Just when the mushy, salty competition had convinced us there wasn't a good roll to be found outside an Asian restaurant, these beauties came along. The "hearty" spring rolls—stuffed with cabbage, carrot, celery, shiitake mushrooms and shrimp—delivered "fresh taste" and "layers of crispy pastry." (\$3.50 for 5, at grocery stores)



BEST PARTY MEATBALL

Farm Rich Meatballs

We wouldn't hesitate to serve our guests Farm Rich's version of this cocktail-party staple. "It tastes like Nana's meatloaf!" one judge said. The onion-flecked orbs of "quality meat" (a beef-and-pork blend with a garlicky kick) emerged from the oven "browned outside and soft inside"—just begging for the sharp end of a toothpick. (\$7 for about 76, at grocery stores)



BEST CHEESE STICK

Alexia Mozzarella Stix

Amazing but true: We found our favorite cheese sticks in a health-food market! These all-natural, "satisfyingly gooey" snacks are made with real mozzarella that's rolled in herbed breadcrumbs and fried in olive oil; the result is "Italian-restaurant taste." Note to hosts with acting skills: Get rid of the box—these "look like they were breaded by you." (\$4.60 for about 12, at grocery stores and natural markets)



BEST BABY QUICHE

Whole Kitchen Mini Quiche Trio

"These could pass for homemade," one taster said of Whole Foods Markets' "melt-in-your-mouth" quiche cups. The sampler box includes three-cheese, spinach florentine and mushroom varieties—tasters loved the "fresh taste" and "rich texture" of them all. Serve these no-plate-necessary poppers and prepare to be cornered in the kitchen. "Guests will ask for the recipe," one judge said. (\$5.80 for 15, at Whole Foods Markets)



BEST ODDBALL

Fillo Factory Brie & Raspberry Fillo Rolls

These "quick and easy" yet "glamorous" apps wowed palates with their "flaky" exterior and sweet-savory center of "oozing cheese and fruity preserves." The secret ingredient: toasted almond flakes, which add texture to the pillowy rolls and temper the raspberry filling's sweetness. "Indulgent" and "delicious," these all-natural snacks are a glass of bubbly's perfect match. (\$6.50 for 12, at select stores including BJ's Wholesale Club)



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