



The Club at Viniterra ~ Fruit of the Vine

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Since the mid-Atlantic Golf Boom settled down nearly a decade ago, we have not seen nearly as many golf course openings. The ones we have seen seem to have been well-thought out, and most have taken years to complete. Rees Jones created a masterpiece at one of the newest courses in the Old Dominion, The Club at Viniterra in New Kent, Virginia. Viniterra's private, gated estate community is located just off the I-64 interstate in close proximity to Richmond as well as Williamsburg. Since the word "Viniterra" means earth wines or land of grapes, naming the 1,200-acre development makes perfect sense considering that the award-winning New Kent Winery, which has already become a staple in the Virginia wine community, also anchors the community. Both the golf course and winery welcome guests daily to one of the most beautiful parts of the state.



Hole 1 Par 4



Hole 3 Par 3

Most know that Rees Jones is dubbed "The Open Doctor." He has earned that title for his work redesigning courses to prepare them for major championships. But Jones is also recognized for his original designs, and Virginia appears to be one of his favorite places to showcase his craft. Besides The Club at Viniterra, his work in the Commonwealth includes the Green Course at Golden Horseshoe and

Stoney Creek at Wintergreen. The entire golf course at Viniterra basically lies right there in front of you. With multiple tee boxes and varying tee lengths, the course can surely please the palate of any golfer. You won't find any blind shots, and the course never feels claustrophobic with ample room everywhere! Every player will enjoy The Club at Viniterra's layout that can also handle a big name event. The course measures at 5200 yards from the forward tees all the way to 7725 yards from the professional tees, which forms the longest golf course in Virginia. Fairways average from 30 to 40 yards wide with ample rough areas making it a really difficult task to lose a golf ball. Thirteen bridges are used to route the course through a mature, dense forest. The run-up areas to huge green complexes along with Jones' large sculptured bunkering – 81 traps in all – adds to the challenge.

The front nine at The Club at Viniterra opens with a straightaway par 4 that further attests to its expansive playing field. Jones' craftsmanship really shows up on all of the par 3s, starting with the third, which can play as long as 233 yards. Rees Jones' brilliant design endures on Viniterra's back nine being very similar

to the front in length and structure. His simple testament to old style golf architecture reveals a vintage test of golf. Hole twelve on the back nine plays to an elevated fairway, as do many of the par 4s at Viniterra, so don't expect a lot of roll. This long course plays that way. Two more stimulating par threes, fifteen and seventeen, can be played from different angles and from up to 12 different teeing grounds.

Amazing topography found in this part of Virginia graces your back nine journey. The closing par 4 displays a golf rarity and features a striking tee shot over the "only" forced carry water hazard on the entire layout.



Hole 17 Par 3



After your round of golf, you must visit the New Kent Winery. The winery is housed in a 12,000-square-foot structure made almost entirely out of recycled building materials. Pine trusses and floor timbers dating back to the 1800s give this winery an ambience that goes hand-in-hand with the founders' sense of commitment to winemaking fundamentals and the environment. Natural comrades, wine and golf fit together quite nicely here.

Other planned amenities include an equestrian complex, several lakes with walking trails and picnic areas, and a swim and racquet club. Another exciting addition will also be the Mirbeau Country Inn and Spa. The award-winning inn and spa is under contract to build a 62 room lodge, restaurant, bistro style café, and conference center all within walking distance of the golf course and winery. Mirbeau is one of only three resort properties in North America to receive four star ratings for all three main categories: the inn, the fine dining, and the spa.

An ideal "on the way" course when heading south or to the beach, The Club at Viniterra makes an excellent companion to the Williamsburg golf scene. Clear space on your golf calendar to play this divine winner. 🏌️



Hole 18 Par 4

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