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THE CLUB AT VINITERRA

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The Club at Viniterra in New Kent is an ardent supporter of the Virginia State Golf Association. Since the club opened in 2009, Viniterra has been a participating course on the VSGA VIP Golf Card and its support has helped many deserving Virginia students attend the college or university of their choice.


Since the VSGA-VIP Scholarship Foundation began awarding scholarships in 1985, more than 900 grants have been awarded to aspiring, worthy students who have an interest in golf. To date, \$2.1 million has been bestowed to young Virginians and the VSGA salutes our more than 150 participating VSGA member clubs and all our VIP cardholders for your ongoing, invaluable support of this important program. Thank you for your generous patronage!

Home to one of the finest closing holes in Virginia, the 18th at Viniterra is a challenging par-4 that plays more than 460 yards from the tips. The demanding tee shot, played over a large lake to a tree-lined fairway with flanking bunkers, must carry a minimum of 215 yards to reach the fairway and close to 240 yards from the championship tees to achieve a more level lie and setup a favorable approach to the green.

Even after a solid drive, the second shot requires a precision strike to an elevated floating green with a major false front, three deep surrounding bunkers, and depressed chipping areas at the rear. Architect Rees Jones created an excellent putting surface on the 18th that incorporates some interesting, yet very playable slopes, with a green that allows for an almost endless vari-

ety of appealing hole locations. The 18th at The Club at Viniterra is truly a superb design and an outstanding golf hole.

Apart from its strong support of the VIP Program, Viniterra annually plays host to two extremely popular VSGA One-Day events, which this year will take place in June and August. In 2017, Viniterra will also serve as a qualifying site for the VSGA Senior Amateur

and the Senior Open of Virginia. Additionally, Viniterra will be the venue for the VSGA Women's Four-Person Captain's Choice, a fun opportunity for players of all skill levels to participate in a VSGA event, to be played on September 25. 

A five-time VSGA Player of the Year and a multi-time winner of the Virginia State Amateur, Mid-Amateur, and Senior Amateur, David Partridge is the author of this series. David lives in the Richmond area and works as a mortgage banker.

PAR 4

YARDAGES

BURGUNDY:
248 yards

GREEN:
404 yards

GOLD:
261 yards

BLUE:
421 yards

WHITE:
359 yards

BLACK:
438 yards

THE TIPS: 462 yards