



# Vitus Vitesse Evo £1,899



*A fine, race-ready frame that rewards hard riding*

**V**itus has been making carbon-fibre bikes since the early 1980s, so you certainly know that there's plenty of experience behind the Vitesse Evo.

### Frame

The frame is exactly the same as that used by the An Post-Chain Reaction pro cycling team, so it's no surprise that this is a pretty racy bike. Almost every part of the Vitesse is designed for optimum power transfer, with a boxy, oversized down tube and chainstays, and a huge BB386 EVO bottom bracket. The internal cable routing is also nicely done to give the bike a clean look.

### Specification

Aside from the 105 cassette, the Vitus Vitesse Evo comes with a full Shimano Ultegra groupset. This is exactly what you'd want from a bike of this price point, offering faultless shifting and braking whatever the conditions.

The Mavic Ksyrium wheels are pretty good too, considering they only cost £350. They stood strong in the face of pothole-strewn roads and are reasonably light, which really helped when tackling the climbs.



**Frameset** High-modulus T700 HM-UD carbon  
**Gears** Shimano Ultegra (105 cassette), 11-25t  
**Chainset** Shimano Ultegra, 50/34t  
**Brakes** Shimano Ultegra  
**Wheels** Mavic Ksyrium  
**Tyres** Mavic Yksion Elite  
**Bars** Vitus compact  
**Stem** Vitus  
**Saddle** Prologo Scratch Pro  
**Seatpost** Vitus  
**Weight** 7.9kg/17.4lb  
**Size tested** 56cm  
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### Ride

This is a bike that's at its best when ridden fast. Big power is rewarded with sharp acceleration whether you're dancing up a hill or opening the tanks in a sprint. The stiff front end helps when you swing the bike from side to side in mid-sprint and also delivers good handling, leaving a smile on your face as you sweep down descents, although the tyres aren't best suited to wet conditions. My only real criticism was that the ride began to feel a little harsh towards the end of longer rides.

### Value

It's hard to fault the Vitus Vitesse Evo when it comes to value. £2,000 for a bike with a pro-level frame and a faultless groupset seems like a good deal to me. This extends to the wheels, which offer good performance for their price, with the only small sacrifice being the in-house bars, stem and seatpost. *HR*

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