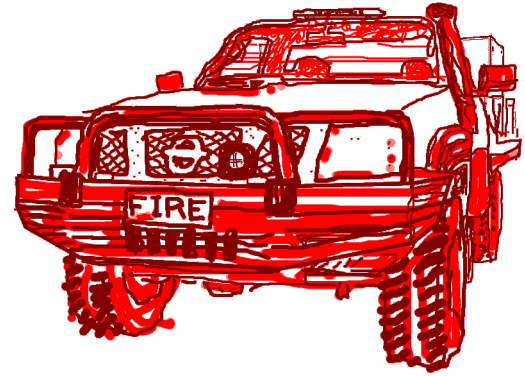




WIMMERA hills winery

P Y R E N E E S

Fire Engine Red



Jane's Story

He sent me roses for our 18th wedding anniversary. But I never got to see them.

I was at work, in Melbourne, on the 10th of February, our wedding anniversary. Whole of the office, like the rest of Victoria, was still in shock from the weekend that was to become known as "Black Saturday".

Ben rang me and said that he was off with the CFA Region 16 strike team, heading to the Yea-Murrindindi complex. In a bit of a daze I told my boss I was heading back home to Glenpatrick. 200km NW from Melbourne.

Sitting on the train, everyone was talking about the fires, the newspapers showed the faces of people missing. The death toll was still rising. Everyone had a comment to make, but my husband was going there. My husband - fight the feeling of selfishness, everyone has to help somehow or another.

Ben is in the CFA, this is what he does, he goes and helps

others. In return, when we need help, they will come to us. It works like that in the country.

As the train was getting into Ballarat I had two phone calls. The first from Ben, he was on the bus heading east to the fires. But he had a list of things for me to do. *"The sheep in the front paddock have no water, please fix. The kid's breakfast mess is still on the bench, sorry. The car made a loud bang on the way into the village, and then stopped working, so ran the last kilometre to the Elmhurst fire station, please tow it home."*

Hurrmmph, something about behind every great man is ... The next phone call was from my boss at work. *"There's been a delivery of a dozen long stemmed red roses for you."* Oh yes, that's it, behind every great man is his love and generosity.

So here we go again. *"I'm going to donate 1000 litres of our premium wine raise money for a new ultralight CFA tanker for the Elmhurst*

Fire Brigade." But what about shoes for the children?

No, no Jane, fight that selfishness. Our rural community needs a second tanker. During February our Elmhurst tanker was over at the Yea-Murrindindi complex. A second tanker may just save my neighbour's house, or my neighbour's life in the next fire season.

Fire Engine Red is our premium 2007 shiraz. Grown here in the Pyrenees ranges at Glenpatrick. Made and bottled at our own winery called Wimmera hills.

We are selling the Fire Engine Red for \$14 per bottle, and donating \$9 per bottle to raise the money for the necessary ultralight CFA tanker worth \$120,000. The other \$5 per bottle is to cover the packaging and taxes that we have to pay.

All funds raised will be held in a trust account for the specific purpose of purchasing the ultra-light tanker for Elmhurst Rural Fire Brigade.

Thank-you for your support.

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