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Villa or sanctuary **The so-called villa of Clodius on the Via Appia**

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Within the framework of the Danish-Italian research project it has been possible to undertake investigations of the Roman archaeological remains preserved inside Villa Santa Caterina, Castel Gandolfo, at the 13th mile on Via Appia. The last scholar to study this complex was G. Lugli in 1914, and it has ever since been interpreted as a Roman villa, sometimes called the Villa of Clodius. The new project was launched in 2017 but it was not until 2022 that a proper excavation was carried out. The investigations have resulted in important new knowledge about the ancient ruin that challenges the traditional interpretation of the building complex. While the 19th century prevalent identification of these structures as the Alban villa of P. Clodius Pulcher (or part of it) no longer persists, its interpretation as a late Republican villa has so far never been disputed. The preliminary results of the new investigations question the former interpretation and suggest that these remains should rather be interpreted as the sacrarium/sacellum of the goddess Bona Dea that literary sources relate to the fatal clash between Clodius and Milo at the 13th mile of Via Appia.

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